



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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April 26, 2012

The Honorable Susan L. Biro, Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Law Judges
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 1900L
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: In the Matter of McCook Cold Storage Corporation, Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0005

Dear Judge Biro:

Enclosed please find Complainant's First Status Report in the above-mentioned matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathleen R. Martwick".

Cathleen R. Martwick
Associate Regional Counsel

Enclosure

cc: Lloyd M. Sonenthal (w/ encl.)



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BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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| McCook Cold Storage Corporation, |) | Docket No. EPCRA-05-2012-0005 |
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| Respondent. |) | |

COMPLAINANT'S FIRST STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to this Court's Prehearing Order dated April 9, 2012, Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), submits this report regarding the status of settlement. EPA and Respondent McCook Cold Storage (hereinafter "Parties"), are working diligently on mediation efforts. The Parties have selected a mediator to assist in the settlement process. The selected mediator is James Kohanek who is a full-time mediator with over 25 years of experience in environmental matters. The Parties are currently in the process of conducting preliminary telephone calls with the mediator in order to schedule the first substantive mediation session.

Respectfully Submitted



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Certificate of Service

I certify that the foregoing "Complainant's First Status Report," dated April 26, 2012, was sent this day in the following manner to the addresses listed below:

Original and one copy hand-delivered to:

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