

BEFORE THE
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

In the Matter of:

Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC

Federal Way, Washington

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. CWA-10-2021-0097

EXHIBIT TO FINAL STATUS REPORT

- Exhibit 1 Email from Angela Smith to Alexander Fidis and Region 10 Regional Hearing Clerk, Mar. 3, 2022
- Exhibit 2 Email communications between Angela Smith and Alexander Fidis, Mar. 4 to Mar. 11, 2022
- Exhibit 3 Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel, Sept. 14, 2022

EXHIBIT 1

From: [Angela Smith](#)
To: [Fidis, Alexander](#)
Cc: [R10_RHC](#)
Subject: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default
Date: Thursday, March 03, 2022 9:20:55 PM

The Honorable Richard Mednick and Mr. Alexander Fidis,

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If you need to reach me, I am always available through email - astroautoasmith@outlook.com, and this is the most effective way to reach me. If you do need to speak to me by telephone, my availability is limited during the day as I work in two different places. My telephone availability is generally from 11am to 1pm, and from 6pm-9pm.

Thank you in advance for any direction you can lend.

Sincerely,
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Cell: (253)224-6657

EXHIBIT 2

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To: [Fidis, Alexander](#)
Subject: Re: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default
Date: Friday, March 11, 2022 8:27:34 AM

Mr. Fidis,

Yes Astro Auto Wrecking agreed to the 30 day delay. Thank you again for your assistance getting this taken care of.
Angela

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From: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2022 6:34:01 AM
To: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default

Ms. Smith –

Thank you for your email. I will look for a time for us to talk next week and get back to you. Before we talk I will need to file something with the Regional Judicial Officer requesting that he not consider and rule on the motion for default for a period of time. My proposal would be to request a 30 day hold and to do so I will need to represent whether Astro Auto Wrecking agrees to the delay. Can you please respond in writing whether you agree to the a 30 day delay? Once I get your response I will file the request to put the case on hold and then will contact you to set up a time to talk. Thanks.
-Alex

From: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2022 7:22 PM
To: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default

Mr. Fidis and the Honorable Richard Mednick,

I apologize for not getting back to you yesterday as I had originally planned. As Murphy's Law would have it, nothing was quite as planned after Mr. Fidis and I spoke. I have spoken with Mr. McMilian and we would like to move forward with resolution. Mr. Fidis, how do we go about setting up the meeting to resolve the issues, as you and I previously discussed? We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with you to insure that these issues have been corrected in the manner in which you wanted. Please let me know at your earliest convenience when we can set up this meeting.

Thank You,
Angela Smith

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From: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:54:22 PM
To: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default

Sounds good, thank you.

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From: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 3:44:28 PM
To: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Subject: RE: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default

Thank you. I will give you a call around 11 tomorrow.

From: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 08, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
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Mr. Fidis,

My apologies. I was in my other office all morning and just now saw the message. Tomorrow from 11-noon should work. The best number to reach me at will be my cell phone [REDACTED]. Please let me know if there are any new changes to time or date. Have a great afternoon.

Angela Smith

From: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 6:41
To: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
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Ms. Smith –
Unfortunately I now have a conflict from 12-3 today. Would you be available between 11 and noon today or sometime tomorrow? Sorry for the inconvenience, but it's not something I can reschedule.

-Alex

From: Angela Smith <astroautoasmith@outlook.com>
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Fidis, Alexander <Fidis.Alexander@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, U.S. EPA Docket No. CWA-10-2021-0097, Motion for Default

Mr. Fidis,

Thank you for your prompt response to my email. I do appreciate it. Tuesday is good for me. If we could please schedule that for 12:15pm it would be perfect. Again, I appreciate your time and understanding.

Angela Smith

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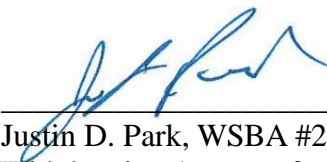
Proceedings Under Section 309(g) of the Clean
Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)

TO: E. ALEXANDER FIDIS, Assistant Regional Counsel, EPA Region 10;

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Justin D. Park and the law firm of Romero Park P.S., hereby withdraw as attorneys of record for Respondent, Astro auto Wrecking, LLC, effective immediately. All future notices, pleadings and correspondence in this matter should be directed to Leo McMilian, Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, 37307 Enchanted Pkwy. South, Federal Way, Washington 98003; (206) 249-2395; leomcmilian@gmail.com.

DATED this 14th day of September 2022.

ROMERO PARK P.S.



Justin D. Park, WSBA #28340
Withdrawing Attorney for Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that the original of the attached **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL COUNSEL** in **In the Matter of: Astro Auto Wrecking, LLC, DOCKET NO.: CWA-10-2021-0097** served on the addressees in the following manner on the date specified below:

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the document was delivered to:

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DATED this 14th day of September, 2022.



Kathy Koback,
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