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On January 14, 2010 during a status call on the above referenced matter, the Regional Judicial Officer Elyana R. Sutin (RJO), requested the parties report on the status of settlement negotiations by no later than January 29, 2010. Specifically, the RJO requested a report indicating whether or not settlement was highly likely. At this time, the parties have not been able to reach a settlement agreement. Counsel for the Respondent has been advised of the contents of this status report prior to its filing.

Dated: 01/28/2010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Status Report was delivered in the following manner on the date below:

Original and one copy via hand delivery to:

The Honorable Elyana R. Sutin Regional Judicial Officer U.S. EPA Region 8 (8RC) 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO 80202-1159

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