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The Honorable Susan L. Biro
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrative Law Judges
Ronald Reagan Building, Room M1200
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

In re: August Mack Environmental, Inc.
Request for Hearing
Docket No. CERCLA-HQ-2017-0001

Dear Ms. Biro:

With this letter and in my role as the Review Officer, I am hereby referring the August Mack Environmental, Inc. (AME) Request for Hearing to you pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 305.4(a). I have not made a decision on the underlying claim and am referring this matter to you at AME's request to do so.

By way of background, on January 12, 2017, AME submitted a claim for response costs against the Hazardous Substance Superfund. The EPA Claims Official denied AME's claim on February 8, 2017. On March 9, 2017, AME submitted the attached Request for Hearing.

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 305.4(a), I am referring the Request for Hearing to you without ruling on the merits of that request. Attached to this referral, as required by 40 CFR § 305.4(a), is the Request for Hearing with its attachments. I am also including, with this referral, EPA's Answer to AME's Request for Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Woolford", written over a horizontal line.

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Attachments

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