UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:	**)**	
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The GEO Group, Inc.,	**)**	**Docket No. FIFRA-09-2024-0066**
	)	
Respondent.	**)**	

ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

I am in receipt of Complainant's December 3, 2024, Motion for Extension of Time, which requests that Complainant's deadline to respond to Respondent's November 25, 2024, Motion to Dismiss be extended from December 10, 2024, to January 14, 2025. Mot. for Extension of Time (Dec. 3, 2024) (the "Motion"). Complainant represents that, due to the winter holidays, Complainant requires additional time to obtain all necessary approvals before filing its response. Mot. 1. Complainant further notes that this matter has been set for alternative dispute resolution ("ADR"), which will conclude on January 13, 2025. Mot. 1; *see* Order Initiating ADR Process & Appointing Neutral (Nov. 13, 2024). Complainant asserts that the requested extension will allow the parties to obtain the full benefits of ADR. Mot. 2. Complainant also states that Respondent does not oppose the requested extension. Mot. 2.

This matter is governed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits ("Rules of Practice") set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The Rules of Practice provide that I "may grant an extension of time for filing any document: upon timely motion of a party to the proceeding, for good cause shown, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties; or upon its own initiative." 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b).

Here, the Motion was timely and shows good cause. Respondent does not oppose the Motion, and, as reflected in the Rules of Practice, Agency policy supports settlement of a proceeding without the necessity of a formal hearing. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(1). The interests of the parties and judicial economy will be served by allowing the parties to focus their attention on informal resolution of this matter for the limited run of the requested extension. Therefore, the Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. Complainant shall file any response to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss no later than January 14, 2025.

SO ORDERED.

Michael B. Wright

Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 6, 2024
Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order Granting Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time**, dated December 6, 2024, and issued by Administrative Law Judge Michael B. Wright, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

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