



**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.)	

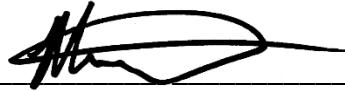
ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

I am in receipt of Complainant’s December 23, 2024, Second 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 January 14, 2025, to February 17, 2025. 2nd Mot. for Extension of Time (Dec. 23, 2024) (the “Motion”). Complainant notes that the parties are actively engaged in alternative dispute resolution (“ADR”) and that on December 19, 2024, at the ADR Judge’s recommendation, Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro extended the close of ADR from January 13, 2025, to February 14, 2025. Mot. 1–2; Rep. Recommending Continuation of ADR Process (Dec. 19, 2024). Complainant asserts that the parties’ interests will be served by further extending Complainant’s response deadline until after the close of the ADR period. Mot. 2; see Order Granting Unopposed Mot. for Extension of Time (Dec. 6, 2024) (granting Complainant’s request to continue its response deadline until after the original, January 13, 2025, ADR closing date). Complainant 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 continue to be served by allowing the parties to focus their attention on informal resolution of this matter. Therefore, the Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. Complainant shall file any response to Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss no later than February 17, 2025.

SO ORDERED.



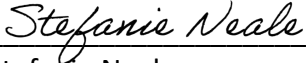
Michael B. Wright
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 26, 2024
Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order Granting Unopposed Second Motion for Extension of Time**, dated December 26, 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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