

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1**

In the Matter of:

ISP Freetown Fine Chemicals, Inc.

MAR000009605

Proceeding under Section 3008(a) of the Resource
Conservation and Recovery Act,
U.S.C. § 6928(a)

Docket No. RCRA-01-2018-0062

FIRST JOINT STATUS REPORT

Complainant U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Respondent ISP Freetown Fine Chemicals, Inc. (“ISP”) submit this joint status report. EPA and ISP have participated in two settlement conferences, conferring by telephone on Monday, October 21, 2019 and again on Friday, October 25. The parties continue to exchange information and explore their relative positions in this litigation in order to reach a resolution of EPA’s claims.

The parties are now scheduling an in-person meeting in early November to continue their discussions. While the issues are complex, the parties remain hopeful that a satisfactory settlement of this case can be achieved.

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Respectfully submitted,

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