

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of Marina PDR Operations, LLC,

Respondent.

Docket No. CWA-02-2017-3452

REPORT RECOMMENDING TERMINATIONOF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESSAND ASSIGNMENT OF A JUDGE FOR LITIGATION

The Chief Administrative Law Judge's Order of December 27, 2016, provides that this alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process terminates February 27, 2017. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be terminated as scheduled, and that the case be assigned to a Judge for resolution through litigation.

The reason for this recommendation is that one of the parties has elected to withdraw from the ADR process and to proceed to litigation.

Both parties made good faith efforts in the ADR process to negotiate a framework for a possible settlement. They are encouraged to continue their negotiations to try to conclude a final settlement agreement. I would like to express my appreciation to the parties for the courtesy, professionalism and candor with which they participated in the ADR process.

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M. Lisa Buschmann Administrative Law Judge Dated: February 27, 2017

Approved:

Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge Dated: February 27, 2017 In the Matter of *Marina PDR Operations, LLC*, Respondent. Docket No. CWA-02-2017-3452

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Report Recommending Termination of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process and Assignment of a Judge for Litigation, dated February 27, 2017, were sent to the following in the manner indicated.

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