

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

IN THE MATTER OF:

Homeca Recycling Center Co., Inc.

Respondent

Docket No. CAA-02-2024-1201

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

TO THE HEADQUARTERS HEARING CLERK:

COMES NOW Respondent Homeca Recycling Center Co., Inc. (Respondent) through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Prehearing Order issued by the presiding Administrative Law Judge, Hon. Michael B. Wright, on January 19, 2024, states:

- (1) Respondent prefers for the hearing in this matter to be held in person;
- (2) Respondent preferred location of the hearing is at the county where Respondent conducted the business which the hearing concerns, that is, at Peñuelas, Puerto Rico¹; and
- (3) The email at which Respondent is able to accept service of orders and decisions issued by this Tribunal and service of documents by other parties is:

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¹ Respondent has several recycling yards throughout different municipalities in Puerto Rico, with principal ones located at the Municipalities of Caguas and Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The business that this hearing concerns was conducted by Respondent as a contractor for the demolition work at the abandoned petrochemical refinery located in the municipality of Peñuelas, Puerto Rico.

This Preliminary Statement is filed with the Headquarters Hearing Clerk using the OALJ E-Filing System.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE:

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that on this same date copy of this document was served on the following:

- (1) Hon. Michael B. Wright, Administrative Law Judge, Wright.MichaelB@epa.gov.
- (2) Evelyn Rivera-Ocasio, Esq., Assistant Regional Counsel, Office of Regional Counsel – Caribbean Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 2, rivera-ocasio.evelyn@epa.gov; and

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