



**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:)
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Dr. Daniel J. McGowan,) **Docket No. CWA-07-2014-0060**
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Respondent.) **Dated: September 27, 2016**

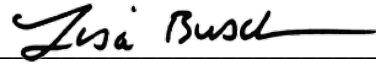
**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO RETURN MATTER TO
ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

The Complaint initiating this proceeding was filed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Director of the Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division, Region 7 (“Complainant”) on March 6, 2014. The Respondent filed an Answer to the Complaint on April 4, 2014, and thereafter, the parties engaged in Alternative Dispute Resolution (“ADR”) with the Honorable Barbara A. Gunning. After the original ADR period was extended, on November 13, 2014, Judge Gunning recommended termination of the ADR process, and I was designated to preside over this matter for litigation. On April 17, 2015, the Complainant filed a Motion for Accelerated Decision as to Liability and Motion to Strike Respondent’s Defenses (“Motion for Accelerated Decision”), which I granted on July 25, 2016.

After the Motion for Accelerated Decision was granted, the parties engaged in settlement discussions with respect to the remaining issues. On September 26, 2016, the parties filed their Joint Motion to Return Matter to Alternative Dispute Resolution, wherein they requested that this matter return to ADR for another two-week period to help facilitate final resolution of this matter.

In the interest of administrative efficiency, the parties’ request to return this matter to ADR for a period of two-weeks is hereby **GRANTED**. Accordingly, I am returning this case to Chief Administrative Law Judge Susan L. Biro for assignment of a neutral to preside over the ADR process. Because this matter is returning to ADR, I am hereby staying the deadlines contained in my Order Scheduling Hearing.

SO ORDERED.

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M. Lisa Buschmann
Administrative Law Judge

In the *Matter of Dr. Daniel J. McGowan*, Respondent.
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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing **Order Granting Joint Motion to Return Matter to Alternative Dispute Resolution**, dated September 27, 2016, were sent to the following in the manner indicated.



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