UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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| Energy Gases, Inc., |) Docket No. EPCRA-02-2000-4002 |
| Respondent |) |
| ORDER ON DISCOVERY MATTERS | |
| The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has filed a motion seeking certain discovery in this case. EPA's discovery request is <i>granted</i> as follows: (1) EPA may interview Michael Walters, a witness listed by Energy Gases, Inc. ("Energy Gases"); and (2) Energy Gases shall provide EPA with signed copies of its Federal income tax returns for the years 1998, 1999, and 2000. <i>See</i> EPA Reply at 2.2 | |

Carl C. Charneski Administrative Law Judge

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 $^{^{\}scriptscriptstyle 1}$ The court notes that EPA has offered to make its expert witness, Ellen Banner, available for an interview or deposition. EPA Reply at 2.

² EPA's blanket discovery request for all the other items listed in a September 1999 Penalty Policy manual is *denied* as being too broad. EPA Mot. at 3 n.3. Likewise, respondent's rather general request to interview, and, or, depose EPA's witnesses is also *denied* as being overly broad.