

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION I**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ISP Freetown Fine Chemicals, Inc.
238 South Main Street
Assonet, MA 02702-1699,

Respondent.

**Order Granting Third
Extension of Time
to File Answer to Complaint**

EPA Docket No.
RCRA-01-2018-0062

The Complaint for this matter was filed on or about September 26, 2018. Pursuant to the Consolidated Rules of Practice, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, the Answer was due on October 26, 2018. 40 C.F.R. § 22.15. Respondent moved for, and was granted, two extensions, which extended the deadline to file the Answer until January 11, 2019.

Respondent has moved for an additional three-month extension of time, until April 11, 2019, to file an Answer to the Complaint. In support of this Motion, Respondent states that additional time is necessary because of the holiday season, the need for Respondent to compile information and documentation for review by Complainant, and the delay caused by the U.S. EPA inspector's inability to review information or documentation over the next several weeks because s/he will be on medical leave. Complainant has consented to this request.

This third request, which is granted, will set the deadline for the Answer to be filed nearly seven months after the initial service of the Complaint. This lengthy extension should give the parties ample time to either resolve this matter through settlement or prepare themselves for litigation. The parties should note, however, that absent extraordinary circumstances which cause

additional unanticipated delay, the undersigned will not grant any additional extensions of time to file an Answer to the Complaint.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §§ 22.7(b) and 22.16(c), for good cause shown, the Respondent is granted a third extension of time to file an Answer to the Complaint. The deadline for Respondent to file an Answer to the Complaint is extended until the close of business on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

So Ordered:


LeAnn Jensen
Regional Judicial Officer

Dated: December 19, 2018

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on this 19th day of December, 2018 the original foregoing Order was filed with Regional Hearing Clerk, a copy was hand-delivered to Counsel for Complainant, and a copy was mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Counsel for Respondent.

12/19/18
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