



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street

San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

January 31, 2012

Honorable Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Mail Code 1900L
Washington, D.C. 20460

RE: BARRICK CORTEZ, INC.

DOCKET NUMBER: EPCRA-09-2011-0004

Complaint Filed: 09/29/2011

Proposed Penalty: Up to \$32,500 per day per violation

Dear Judge Biro:

Pursuant to Section 22.21(a) of the Consolidated Rules of practice (40 C.F.R. Part 22), the above captioned matter is hereby referred to you for assignment of an Administrative Law Judge.

Also, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding of March 31, 2011 between Region 9 and the Office of Administrative Law Judges, the complete official Agency case file is being transmitted to the Headquarters Hearing Clerk, who will serve as designated recipient of all future pleadings and correspondence filed in this matter.

Respondent is represented by:

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Complainant is represented by:

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryan K. Goodwin".

Bryan K. Goodwin
Regional Hearing Clerk

Cc: S. Barringer; D. Kim