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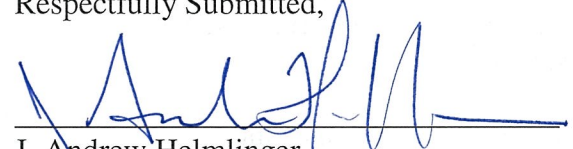
IN THE MATTER OF:)	DOCKET NO. OPA 09-2018-00002
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VSS International, Inc.)	COMPLAINANT'S STATUS REPORT
)	ON SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
Sacramento, California,)	
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Respondent.)	
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Proceedings under Section 311(b)(6) of the)	
Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1321(b)(6).)	

Complainant, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (“EPA”), submits this Status Report following a Settlement Conference among counsel for this matter held on May 4, 2018. The parties have not reached settlement, and will continue toward a hearing in this matter on the schedule set forth in the April 20, 2018 Prehearing Order. The parties are not opposed to settlement as issues may be resolved through the course of prehearing exchanges and discussions. The parties agreed that San Francisco, California, is a reasonable location for any hearing in this matter. The parties further intend to consider any stipulations to submit to the Administrative Law Judge regarding undisputed facts and use of certain evidence. In the

1 meantime, the parties recognize that they must prepare for hearing and strictly comply with the
2 requirements of the Prehearing Order.

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Respectfully Submitted,


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