



**UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR**

In the Matter of:)
)
Twin Med, LLC,) **Docket No. FIFRA-09-2025-0033**
)
Respondent.)

ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This proceeding was initiated on January 16, 2025, when Complainant, the Manager of the Toxics Section in the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division of Region 9 of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA” or “Agency”), filed a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing against Respondent Twin Med, LLC, pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide, 7 U.S.C. § 136/(a). After Respondent filed an Answer to Complaint, the matter was forwarded to this Tribunal for adjudication, and I was designated to preside.

By Prehearing Order dated March 20, 2025, I set deadlines for certain prehearing procedures, including the parties’ participation in a settlement conference, the filing of a Consent Agreement and Final Order (“CAFO”) if the parties achieved settlement, and a prehearing exchange of information if the case was not settled. On April 15, 2025, Complainant filed a Second Status Report and Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time (“Motion”), in which Complainant relates that the parties have engaged in multiple settlement conferences and reached an agreement in principle to resolve this matter. Complainant then requests that the deadlines for the filing of a CAFO and the parties’ prehearing exchange of information be extended by 30 calendar days because Complainant will require more time to finalize and file a CAFO “[d]ue to the transition resulting from the recent change in administrations.” Motion at 1. Complainant represents that Respondent does not oppose this request.

This proceeding is governed by the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits (“Rules of Practice”), set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. The Rules of Practice provide that I “may grant an extension of time for filing any document: upon timely motion of a party to the proceeding, for good cause shown, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties; or upon its own initiative.” 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b). Here, the Motion was timely, demonstrates good cause, and is not opposed by Respondent, and therefore, granting it is appropriate. As reflected in the Rules of Practice, Agency policy supports settlement of a proceeding without the necessity of a formal hearing. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(1). Undoubtedly, the interests of the

parties and judicial economy are well served by the parties resolving this matter informally and expeditiously. Accordingly, the Motion is hereby **GRANTED**. As requested, a fully-executed CAFO shall now be filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk no later than **June 2, 2025**, with a courtesy copy filed with the Headquarters Hearing Clerk. If the parties are unable to finalize their settlement by that date, they shall file their prehearing exchanges pursuant to the following schedule:

June 2, 2025	Complainant's Initial Prehearing Exchange
June 23, 2025	Respondent's Prehearing Exchange
July 7, 2025	Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange

SO ORDERED.



Michael B. Wright
Administrative Law Judge

Dated: April 23, 2025
Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Order on Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time**, dated April 23, 2025, and issued by Administrative Law Judge Michael B. Wright, was sent this day to the following parties in the manner indicated below.



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