## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of

MUNICIPALITY OF TOA BAJA,

DOCKET NO. RCRA-02-2009-7111

Respondent

## REPORT RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Chief Administrative Law Judge's Order of November 19, 2009 provides that this alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process terminates January 18, 2010. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be continued for another month, to February 18, 2010.

This continuation of the ADR process is recommended because the parties' negotiations have developed the possibility of a settlement, but additional time is needed if a settlement is to be actually concluded. During a conference call on January 20, 2010 the parties requested continuation of the ADR process. The parties' chances of achieving a settlement are sufficient to justify continuation of ADR for one month.<sup>1</sup>

Accordingly, the undersigned will continue to work as a Neutral in this case and will file another report with the Chief Administrative Law Judge by February 18, 2010 unless otherwise directed by her.

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Barbara A. Gunning Administrative Law Judge Dated: January 20, 2010

Approved:

Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: 1 / 201 10

<sup>1</sup>A conference call is scheduled for February 10, 2010.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing **Report Recommending Continuation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process**, dated January 20, 2010, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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