# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

IN THE MATTER OF:	)	
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United States Department of the Army,	)	
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Respondent.	)	Docket No.
	)	CERCLA-08-2020-0001
Rocky Mountain Arsenal	)	
Commerce City, CO,	)	
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Facility.	)	
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## JOINT STATUS REPORT REGARDING SETTLEMENT

On July 10, 2023, the Presiding Officer issued an Order granting a fourth stay, until November 30, 2023, in the above-captioned proceeding. The Order requires that Complainant, Regional Counsel Kenneth C. Schefski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8, and Respondent, United States Department of the Army, (the Parties) file monthly status reports regarding the progress of the Parties' settlement efforts. As reported during the previous stays in this matter, the Parties have made substantial progress toward settling this matter, and the Parties are continuing their efforts to ensure the execution of the Consent Decree Amendment (CDA). The Parties are fully committed to execution of the CDA and have been engaged with the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide information and assistance to further progress.

DOJ has completed its internal approval process and lodged the CDA on September 28, 2023 in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. While the remaining steps in finalizing the CDA are outside of the Parties' control, the Parties continue to have regular meetings with DOJ to ensure that the remaining steps are carried out as efficiently as possible. The remaining steps include:

- 1). Holding a 30-day public comment period and filing a response to public comment with the District Court, if needed; and
  - 2). Entry of the CDA, subject to public comment and District Court approval.

The Parties have come a long way in advancing resolution of this matter and remain committed to working with DOJ to ensure that the final actions are carried out to resolve this matter in accordance with DOJ regulations and procedures. Upon execution of the CDA, Complainant intends to withdraw the Complaint in this matter as moot.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that on this <u>29th Day of September 2023</u>, the undersigned caused the foregoing Joint Status Report Regarding Settlement under Docket No. CERCLA-08-2020-0001 to be sent to the following parties in the manner indicated below.

Dated: September 29, 2023

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