

UNITED STATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:)	
Professional Contract Sterilization, Inc.,)	Docket No. CAA-01-2022-0059
)	
Respondent.)	

REPORT RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Order by Chief Administrative Law Judge Biro, dated September 20, 2023, that initiated this alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process, provided for a termination date of November 20, 2023. A recommendation was made and approved on November 14, 2023 to extend the ADR process for an additional 30 days, until December 20, 2023. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be continued for an additional 30 days, until **January 22, 2024**. 1

This continuation of the ADR process is recommended because the parties' settlement negotiations have been productive and are ongoing. It is anticipated that settlement of this matter may be achieved if additional time is permitted. I will continue to serve as a Neutral in this case and remain available should additional conferences be desired by the parties, unless otherwise directed by the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

> Christine D. Coughlin Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 20, 2023

Approved:

Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 20, 2023

¹ Given that January 20, 2024 falls on a Saturday, the following business day of Monday, January 22, 2024 is recommended.

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