UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:) The GEO Group, Inc.,) Respondent.)

Docket No. FIFRA-09-2024-0066

RESPONDENT'S PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Respondent, GEO Group, Inc. ("Respondent"), by and through undersigned counsel, and pursuant to the Prehearing Order, submits the following Preliminary Statement.

1. Respondent requests that the hearing in this matter be held in person;

2. Respondent requests that the hearing be held in Palm Beach County, Florida, where

Respondent resides; and

3. Respondent is able to accept service of orders and decisions in this matter and service

of documents filed by other parties at the following email address of undersigned counsel:

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Respectfully submitted on this 30th day of August 2024.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been submitted electronically using the OALJ E-Filing System and was sent by email to <u>bussey.carol@epa.gov</u>.

Dated: <u>August 30, 2024</u>

|s| Gregory M. Munson