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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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In the Matter of

EMPIRE LUMBER CO.,

) DOCKET NO. CAA-10-2012-0054

Respondent

REPORT RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

The Chief Administrative Law Judge's Order of July 17, 2012 provides that this alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") process terminates September 17, 2012. The recommendation of this Report is that the ADR process be continued for one month, to October 17, 2012.

This continuation of the ADR process is recommended because the parties' negotiations are ongoing. The undersigned will continue to serve as a Neutral in this case and will file another report with the Chief Administrative Law Judge by October 17, 2012 unless otherwise directed by her.

Barbara A. Gunning Administrative Law Judge

Dated: September 14, 2012

Approved:

Susan L. Biro Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: 9/17/2012

In the Matter of *Empire Lumber*, Respondent. Docket No. CAA-10-2012-0054

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing **Report Recommending Continuation of Alternative Dispute Resolution Process**, dated September 14,2012, issued by Barbara Gunning, Administrative Law Judge, was sent this 17th day of September 2012, in the following manner to the addressees listed below.

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