

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of:)
)
BACARDI CORPORATION,) Docket No. CAA-02-2009-1220
)
Respondent)

INITIAL PREHEARING ORDER

As you have been previously notified, I am designated to preside over this proceeding. This proceeding will be governed by the applicable statute(s) as well as the Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. §22.1 et seq., (“Rules”). The parties are advised to familiarize themselves with the applicable statute(s) and the Rules.

On November 30, 2009, Respondent submitted an “Informative Motion” stating that Complainant United States Environmental Protection Agency and Respondent have agreed to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve all issues in the Complaint, that a draft settlement agreement is being prepared by Complainant and that the parties expect to finalize the settlement on or before the end of the month of December, 2009.

Accordingly, the parties will be given a brief opportunity to complete the settlement process on their own prior to engaging in the prehearing exchange process. Therefore, the parties are hereby **ORDERED** to file the fully executed Consent Agreement and Final Order (CAFO) memorializing their settlement no later than **January 15, 2010**, with a copy contemporaneously sent to the undersigned by facsimile or mail.

FAILURE TO FILE THE CAFO IN A TIMELY MANNER MAY RESULT IN ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF DISMISSAL OR DEFAULT, AS APPROPRIATE, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.



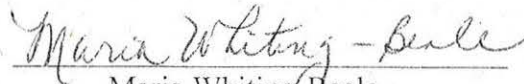
Susan L. Biro
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Dated: December 11, 2009
Washington, D.C.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing **Initial Prehearing Order**, dated December 11, 2009, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below.



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Dated: December 11, 2009

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