

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR

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In the Matter of:

New Jersey Department of Corrections,

Docket No. RCRA-02-2014-7102

Respondent.

Dated: November 13, 2014

ORDER ON MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE PREHEARING EXCHANGES

The Prehearing Order issued in this proceeding set filing deadlines for the parties to submit their respective prehearing exchanges. An Order issued September 10, 2014, granted a 30 day extension to allow the parties to ascertain the feasibility of a Supplemental Environmental Project and negotiate a settlement agreement. A second 30 day extension request was granted by Order dated October 17, 2014. The current due date for Complainant's prehearing exchange is November 19, 2014.

On November 12, 2014, Complainant filed another motion requesting an additional 30 days for each party to file prehearing exchanges. The motion represents that Respondent's counsel joins in this request and that the parties believe this 30 day extension should suffice to have a fully-executed Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO") filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk. According to the motion, EPA counsel has incorporated Respondent's comments into a draft CAFO, which is now under review by Agency senior management. Upon EPA management approval, Respondent will be asked to sign.

The Rules of Practice governing this proceeding, 40 C.F.R. Part 22, provide at 40 C.F.R. § 22.7(b) that "the Presiding Officer may grant an extension of time for filing any document: upon timely motion of a party to the proceeding, for good cause shown, and after consideration of prejudice to other parties." Given the parties' steady progress toward settlement of this matter, there is good cause to grant the requested 30-day extension.

Therefore, the motion is hereby **<u>GRANTED</u>** and the deadlines for the prehearing exchanges are extended as follows:

Friday, December 19, 2014 Friday, January 16, 2015 Friday, January 30, 2015 Complainant's Initial Prehearing Exchange Respondent's Prehearing Exchange Complainant's Rebuttal Prehearing Exchange

SO ORDERED.

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M. Lisa Buschmann Administrative Law Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing **Order On Motion For Extension Of Time To File Pre-Hearing Exchanges,** dated November 13, 2014, was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees listed below:

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