

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 1**

IN THE MATTER OF: )

Respondent Electronic Signatures on )  
Settlement Documents )

EPA Docket No.  
01-2018-0027

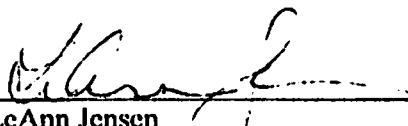
**STANDING ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONDENT  
SIGNATURES ON CONSENT AGREEMENTS AND FINAL ORDERS AND  
EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS RECEIVED BY COMPLAINANT IN  
PORTABLE DOCUMENT FORMAT OR BY FACSIMILE**

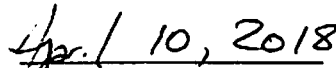
The Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, set forth at 40 C.F.R. Part 22, states that "[t]he Presiding Officer ... may by order authorize ... electronic filing, subject to any appropriate conditions and limitations." 40 C.F.R. § 22.5(a)(1). See also, 40 C.F.R. § 22.5 (b)(2) ("[t]he Presiding Officer ... may by order authorize ... electronic service, subject to any appropriate conditions and limitations."). The undersigned has determined that these provisions authorize the Presiding Officer to accept Respondent signatures on Consent Agreements and Final Orders (CAFOs) and on Expedited Settlement Agreements (ESAs), which are electronically transmitted to Complainant in portable document format (PDF) or by facsimile.

Accordingly, the Region 1 Regional Judicial Officer (RJO) will accept Respondent signatures on CAFOs and ESAs that are electronically transmitted to Complainant in PDF or by facsimile, printed in hardcopy by Complainant, and properly submitted to the RJO for review and signature. If approved by the RJO, the CAFO or ESA shall be returned to Complainant's representative for filing with the Regional Hearing Clerk and service to the parties.

Note, however that this Order does not authorize electronic filing in Region 1 except to the extent allowed by the undersigned's Standing Order, Docket Number 01-2015-0001, dated October 9, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

  
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LeAnn Jensen  
Regional Judicial Officer  
EPA Region 1

  
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Date

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018 the original foregoing Order was filed with the Regional Hearing Clerk, a copy was hand-delivered to Michael Wagner and Joanna Jerison.

4/10/18  
Date

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