**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF MAINE**

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| STATE OF MAINE, *et al.*,<br><br>Plaintiffs,<br><br>v.<br><br>SCOTT PRUITT,<br>Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, *et al.*,<br><br>Defendants. | Civil Action No. 1:14-cv-264-JDL |

**EPA'S STATUS REPORT**

On August 10, 2017, Defendants Scott Pruitt, in his official capacity as Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and Deborah A. Szaro, in her official capacity as Acting Regional Administrator of Region I of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (collectively "EPA"), moved for an additional 120-day stay of the proceedings. The Court granted the requested stay on August 28, 2017.

EPA explained in its August 10, 2017, motion for an additional stay that it had determined to reconsider the decisions challenged in this case, but that it had not yet determined the outcome of such reconsideration. Specifically, EPA stated that it had not yet determined which, if any, challenged EPA decision regarding Maine's water quality standards would be withdrawn or otherwise changed as a result of its reconsideration of those decisions. Rather, EPA requested and received an additional stay in order to determine whether to withdraw or otherwise change any of the challenged decisions. EPA indicated that it would report on which, if any, of the challenged decisions EPA intends to change at the conclusion of the requested stay.



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After careful consideration, EPA has determined not to withdraw or otherwise change any of the decisions that are challenged in this case.

Counsel for EPA has coordinated with counsel for the other parties. The parties intend to discuss options for the briefing schedule on the merits. Due to pre-existing work and vacation schedules in December and early January, the parties request that they be allowed until January 19, 2018, to propose either a joint proposed schedule, separate proposed schedules, or to request a status conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

It is hereby certified that all counsel of record who have consented to electronic service are being served with a copy of the foregoing EPA's Status Report 8th day of December 2017. Any other counsel of record will be served by first class U.S. mail.

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