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Pursuant to the Parties' Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan, ECF No. 12, and the Court's direction at the June 8, 2017 status conference, ECF No. 14, the Parties submit the following stipulation and proposed Order regarding the logging of privileged and work product materials in this case.

A. PRIVILEGE OR WORK PRODUCT LOGS GENERALLY

The parties agree that Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5)(A), insofar as it sets forth obligations to provide a log of privileged or work product materials, presumptively should not apply to the following communications:

- i. internal communications within and/or among (a) Briscoe, Ivester & Bazel LLP, or (b) governmental law offices (e.g., the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") offices of general and regional counsel, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") offices of headquarters and district counsel).
- ii. communications after October 21, 2015, exclusively between EPA employees and counsel from the EPA or the U.S. Department of Justice previously or currently responsible for or overseeing the case (but not including non-attorney staff-to-staff communications);
- iii. communications after October 21, 2015, exclusively between Corps employees and counsel from the Corps or the U.S Department of Justice previously or currently responsible for or overseeing the case (but not including non-attorney staff-to-staff communications);
- iv. communications after October 21, 2015, exclusively between EPA and Corps employees and counsel from the EPA, the Corps, or the U.S. Department of Justice previously or currently responsible for or overseeing the case (but not including non-attorney staff-to-staff communications);
- v. communications exclusively between employees or counsel from the EPA, the Corps, or the U.S. Department of Justice and any confidential litigation consultant;
- vi. communications exclusively between John Donnelly Sweeney or Point Buckler Club, LLC, and any attorney representing them with respect to the subject matter of this litigation;
- vii. communications between John Donnelly Sweeney or Point Buckler Club, LLC, and any confidential litigation consultant retained with respect to the subject matter of this litigation;

ORDER

In accordance with the foregoing stipulation and good cause appearing, IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 30, 2017.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE