

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE
COUNCIL,

Plaintiff,

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES and LOS
ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
DISTRICT,

Plaintiff-Intervenors,

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CLEAN
WATER AGENCIES,

Plaintiff-Intervenor,

v.

STEPHEN L. JOHNSON, Administrator,
United States Environmental Protection
Agency, and UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY,

Defendants.

No. CV06-4843 PSG (JTLx)

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF
CONSENT DECREE DEADLINE**

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2008, this Court entered a Consent Decree between the Natural Resources Defense Council (Plaintiff), the National Association of Clean Water Agencies and the County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Intervenors), and the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and Stephen L. Johnson, in his official capacity as Administrator of EPA (Defendants) (collectively referred to as "the Parties");

WHEREAS, paragraph 6 of the Consent Decree provides that “[n]o later than October 15, 2012, EPA shall sign for publication in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of new or revised water quality criteria for pathogens and pathogen indicators pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341(a)(9)(A)”;

WHEREAS, EPA published and sought comment on the draft recreational water quality criteria recommendations in December 2011 and received more than 9,000 comments;

WHEREAS, EPA’s efforts to fully consider the extensive comments have caused unexpected delays in EPA’s schedule for completing the final criteria recommendations;

WHEREAS, EPA has determined that it has become necessary to extend the October 15, 2012 deadline until November 30, 2012;

WHEREAS paragraph 18 of the Consent Decree provides that “[a]ny dates set forth in this Consent Decree may be extended by written agreement of the Parties and notice to the Court”;

WHEREAS, EPA requested, and Plaintiff and Intervenors agreed to EPA’s request to extend the deadline to November 30, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, EPA hereby notifies the Court of the parties’ agreement that the deadline set forth in paragraph 6 of the Consent Decree is extended from October 15, 2012 to November 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of September, 2012:

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