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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

V.

ROBERT BRACE and ROBERT BRACE FARMS, INC., a Pennsylvania Corporation,

Defendants.

No. 90-229 - ERIE HONORABLE GLENN E. MENCER

PRE-TRIAL STIPULATION

The parties to this case, the United States of America, Robert Brace and Robert Brace Farms, Inc., through their undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate to the following for purposes of the issues to be tried in this case:

At the time of the Defendants' alleged "discharges," the approximately thirty-acre site that is the subject of this laweuit was wetlands as defined at 33 C.F.R. 5 328.3(b), and 40

C.F.R. § 232.2(T).

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