UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| TIMOTHY PIGFORD, et al., |) |
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| Plaintiffs, |) |
| v. | Civil Action No. 97-1978 (PLF) |
| ANN VENEMAN, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, |))) |
| Defendant. |))) |
| CECIL BREWINGTON, et al., |)) |
| Plaintiffs, |) |
| v. | Civil Action No. 98-1693 (PLF) |
| ANN VENEMAN, Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, |))) |
| Defendant. |))) |

<u>ORDER</u>

On December 16, 2005, the Monitor in this case, Randi Ilyse Roth, submitted the Monitor's Report and Recommendations Regarding Implementation of the Consent Decree for the Period of January 1, 2004, through December 31, 2004 ("Monitor's Report"). The Monitor's Report describes claims processing activities, Court orders, Monitor activities and observations, significant Consent Decree implementation issues, and the parties' good faith efforts during the time period described in the report.

Because the Court finds that the Monitor's Report contains important information

on the implementation of the Consent Decree, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Monitor's Report and Recommendations Regarding

Implementation of the Consent Decree for the Period of January 1, 2004, through December 31,

2004 is approved by the Court; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Monitor's Report shall be made available to all

interested parties by means of immediate posting on the District Court's website at

http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov/district-court-recent.html.

SO ORDERED.

/s/_____

PAUL L. FRIEDMAN

DATE: January 4, 2006 United States District Judge