

## NOTICE for PUBLIC COMMENT

### PRASA Ciales Water Treatment Plant Ciales, Puerto Rico

#### SUMMARY

The Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) has applied for renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Ciales Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Ciales.

The Ciales Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is a filtration plant that treats water from the Cialitos River and on occasion to the Sonadora Creek to provide clean drinking water to the residents of the Municipality of Ciales. Wastewater from the treatment plant is discharged to the Quabrada Sonadora, a tributary to Rio Cialitos.

The NPDES permit ensures that the amount of discharge and the amount of contaminants in the discharge remains below levels that are safe for the environment and public health consumption.

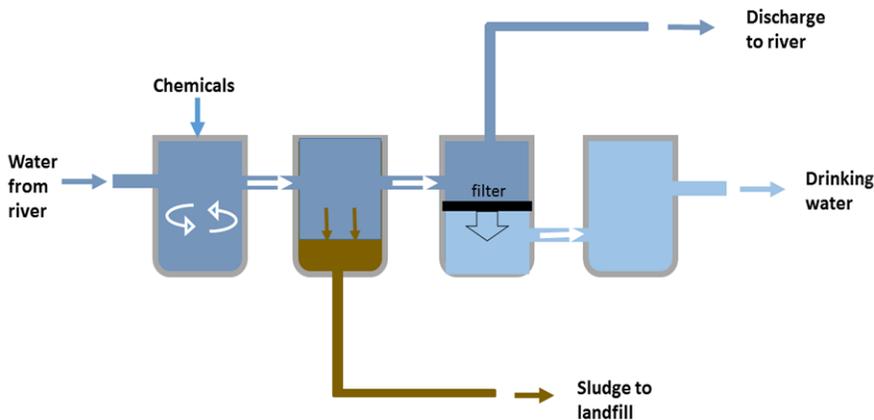
#### *How to Access the Draft Permit Documents*

Copies of the draft permit documents can be found on EPA's website at:

[www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html](http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html)

Hard copies are located at:

**Casa Alcaldía de Ciales**



#### PRASA CIALES FLOW SCHEMATIC

This diagram summarizes the WTP process. This is based on a scenario where there is maximum water flowing in the treatment plant. The actual amounts of water may be less.

#### DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS

The permit establishes numeric water quality effluent limitations for several pollutants, including pH, arsenic, dissolved oxygen, temperature, color, turbidity sulfates, total ammonia, suspended solids, and metals.

The permit limits the WTP's numeric flow effluent pursuant to Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) and other conditions.

Under NPDES the permit specifies requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results of the numeric effluent limitations described above.

### **How to Submit Public Comments**

Any interested parties can submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period, which is between Thursday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

During this time, a public hearing can also be requested on these documents.

#### **The request must:**

- 1. Be in writing**
- 2. State the issues that you want to be raised in the hearing**
- 3. Be submitted to the Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office**

The submission of written comments and/or requests for a public hearing can be sent to:

**EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental  
Protection Division Office  
City View Plaza II  
Suite 70000, #48 RD. 165 Km, 1.2  
Guaynabo, PR 00968**

If you would like to request additional information or have questions about the permit, please contact:

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## **Ciales Treatment Plant Facility Location**

