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Honorable Marcos Cruz
Mayor
Municipality of Vega Baja
P.O. Box 4555
Vega Baja, Puerto Rico 00694

Re: Notice of Coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit
Permit Number: **PRR040039**

Dear Mayor Cruz:

This letter acknowledges that the Municipality of Vega Baja (Municipality) has submitted a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) document to be covered under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Small MS4 GP) in urbanized areas (PRR040000) in Puerto Rico. Coverage under this general permit began at the conclusion of the Municipality's thirty (30) day waiting period, which is **April 11, 2017**.

The eligibility for coverage under the Small MS4 GP is based on the validity of the certification you provided on the NOI. Your signature certifies that you have read, understood and are implementing all of the applicable requirements of the Small MS GP. An important aspect of this certification requires that you correctly determine whether you are eligible for coverage under this Small MS4 GP.

In addition, the Small MS4 General Permit requires existing permittees to revise and update the current municipal Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) for the Municipality and begin implementing it. The modified SWMP must be submitted to the undersigned attention, one (1) year from the date of authorization of coverage under this general permit, by **April 11, 2018**. The Small MS GP outlines important measurable goals, storm sewer system mapping, detection and addressing non-storm water discharges, inspections and record keeping requirements, among others. An electronic copy of the Small MS4 GP and additional guidance materials can be viewed and downloaded at <https://www.epa.gov/region02/water/npdes/permits/index.html>.

If you have questions regarding the stormwater program or your responsibilities under the Small MS4 GP, please call Sergio Bosques, Regional Stormwater Coordinator, at (787) 977-5838 or via email at bosques.sergio@epa.gov, or Yolianne Maclay, P.E., at (787) 977-5849 or via email at maclay.yolianne@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Carmen R. Guerrero-Pérez

Director

Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

cc: Francisco Fernández, Environmental Coordinator, Municipality of Vega Baja (via email)
Angel Meléndez, EQB, Water Quality Area, Acting Director (via email)