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Mr. Nelson J. Santiago
Secretary
Department of Natural and Environmental Resources of Puerto Rico
P.O. Box 366147
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936

Re: Coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit (Small MS4s General Permit)
Permit Number: **PRR040048**

Dear Mr. Santiago:

This letter acknowledges that you have submitted a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) document to be covered under the NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems within an urbanized areas (PRR040000) in Puerto Rico. Coverage under this general permit began at the conclusion of your thirty (30) day waiting period, on **September 13, 2016**.

The eligibility for coverage under the general permit 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. An important aspect of this certification requires that you correctly determine whether you are eligible for coverage under this permit.

The Small MS4 General Permit requires you to develop, submit to EPA and begin implementing a Stormwater Management Program. This must be submitted to this office one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of authorization of coverage under the permit, **March 13, 2017**. In addition, it outlines important measurable goals, storm sewer system mapping, detection and addressing non-storm water discharges, inspections and record keeping requirements. An electronic copy of the general permit 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 General Permit, please call Sergio Bosques at (787) 977-5838 or via email at bosques.sergio@epa.gov, or Héctor Ortiz at (787) 977-5883 or via email at ortiz.hector@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Roberto Velazquez, Auxiliary Administrator of Regional Operations, DNER (via email)