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Re: Notice of Coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System  
Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit  
Permit Number: **PRR040011**

Dear Acting Chancellor Torres:

This letter acknowledges that the University of Puerto Rico – Ponce Campus (UPR-Ponce) 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 UPR-Ponce's thirty (30) day waiting period, which is **January 10, 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 UPR-Ponce 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 **January 10, 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, if not already accomplished. 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 at (787) 977-5838 or via email at [bosques.sergio@epa.gov](mailto:bosques.sergio@epa.gov), or Yolianne Maclay at (787) 977-5849 or via email at [maclay.yolianne@epa.gov](mailto:maclay.yolianne@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Director

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