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Eng. Wilfredo Quiñones-Méndez Chief Facility Management Service Veterans Affair Caribbean Healthcare System 10 Casi Street San Juan, Puerto Rico 00921

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

Permit Number: PRR04002F

Dear Eng. Quiñones:

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 **February 14, 2017**.

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, **August 14, 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 Yolianne Maclay at (787) 977-5849 or via email at maclay.yolianne@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director

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