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**Re: Autonomous Municipality of Guaynabo, Notice of Intent
Puerto Rico NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit**

The Autonomous Municipality of Guaynabo (Guaynabo) as an owner and operator of a Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) submits this application for coverage under the NPDES Permit PRR040000 issued on November 6, 2006 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

This application follows the format provided in the document "**NPDES Permit Application Form Regulated Small Municipal MS4s in EPA's Jurisdiction within Puerto Rico**" issued by the USEPA on February 2003. See Attachment I.

- 1) Guaynabo represented by its mayor, Honorable Hector O'Neill Garcia, operates a municipal separate storm sewer system located in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico. Guaynabo Municipality, Guaynabo, is located to the central-north coast of Puerto Rico,

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and its part of the Metropolitan Area. Guaynabo is defined by EPA as an urbanized area based on the 2000 Census. See EPA's urbanized areas reference maps on Attachment II.

2) Operator's General Information:

- Name: Autonomous Municipality of Guaynabo
- Representative: Honorable Hector O'Neill Garcia, Mayor
- Mailing Address: Apartado 7885 Guaynabo, PR 00970
- Location of representative's office: Nueva Casa Alcaldia, Jose Julian Acosta St., Guaynabo
- Telephone numbers: (787) 720-4040
- Bordering Municipalities: To the east, San Juan; to the south, Aguas Buenas; to the west, Bayamon; and to the north Cataño.

3) Operator's Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC) that reflects the service provided by Guaynabo Municipality is **9111**. This industrial sector is under Division J Public Administration of the US Department of Labor.

4) Guaynabo is a government public entity under the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, its primary administrative contact is:

- Name: Mrs. Ada Bones, Planning Director
- Mailing Address: PO Box 7885, Guaynabo, PR 00970
- Location of representative's office: Casa Alcaldia, Annex, 2nd Floor, Jose Julian Acosta St., Guaynabo.
- Telephone numbers: (787) 740-2020, Ext 1311, 1310
- Email address: abones@guaynabocity.gov.pr

5) Guaynabo does not generate, treats, or disposed hazardous waste; has no permit under the Resource Conservation or Recovery Act. The municipality does not own or operate a waste water treatment unit or a potable water plant; has not NPDES Permit.

Environmental permits that provide coverage to Guaynabo are related to the operations or domestic, non-hazardous waste transportation and disposal. The state permit for transportation of non-hazardous waste is SR-00136.



6) Attachment III of this Notice of Intent Application includes a topographic map of the municipality, extending 1 mile beyond the property boundaries. If existing within the coverage area, the map locates the intake and discharge structures, hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, underground injection control systems, drinking water wells, and surface water bodies. Also, the map includes a preliminary storm sewer layout; this activity is in progress, location of all storm water outfalls, with name and location of US water that receives those discharges.

As a summary, Guaynabo is part of two main watersheds. The west side drains into Rio Bayamon River and the most of the northern part drains towards Rio Piedras River. There is a small part of the north area that drains into the San Juan Bay. There are other water bodies, part of these watersheds: Margarita Creek, El Toro Creek, Cucharillas Channel, Guaynabo River, Camarones Creek, Limones Creek, Damiana Creek, Sonadora Creek, and Frailes Creek.

At the date of the submission of this document 184 storm water outfalls were identified in the South area of the Municipality. A progressive identification of Central and North Areas is on going. For detail see map and outfall list on Attachment III. Most of these outfalls are through pipelines, especially at roads or bridges. The storm sewer network is being update to show recent construction activities, and system upgrades.

7) Guaynabo Municipality has an estimated population of 100,053 persons, and 36,826 housing units, based on the 2000 Census. Guaynabo is composed of 10 wards: Pueblo Viejo, Frailes, Pueblo, Santa Rosa, Camarones, Rio, Guaraguau, Mamey, Hato Nuevo, and Sonadora. Frailes has the highest population density with 3,120 persons per square kilometer. Guaynabo has many service areas, the following are the principal service areas that will be directly involve with the implementation of the Storm Water Program:

- Public Works Department: storm sewer maintenance, infrastructure design and construction
- Land Use and Planning Department: Responsible for the Storm Water Program Implementation, foresees changes of the program due to new developments.
- Environmental Control Department: Responsible for the water bodies cleaning, landfill management, non-hazardous waste collection, municipality general housekeeping, and landscaping

- Emergency Management Department: Responsible for emergency response, investigation and agencies reporting.
- Urban Permits Department: Manage most of the public complaints, including those of an environmental nature. Evaluate environmental impact documents, grant construction permits, and inspect construction projects.
- Press Department: Manage municipality public relations, public outreach through internet website, municipality newspaper, and TV program.

8) Guaynabo Municipality serves approximately 27,62 square miles.

9-11) A description of the preliminary measurable goals for each of the six minimum controls to be established as part of Guaynabo Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) is included as part of Attachment IV of this application. It also included a general schedule for Best Management Practices implementation and frequency of the action; as well as person(s) responsible for implementation. Also a general description of Guaynabo Storm Water Management Program will be provided.

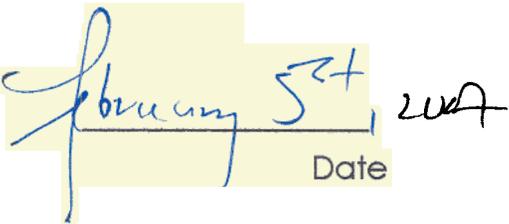
At the date of this submission, the program is under the development process. When the SWMP is completed it will be certified and submitted to USEPA for review.

CERTIFICATION

" I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that a qualified personnel properly gather and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I'm aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."



Lcda. Aurealis Lozada
Vice Mayor



Date