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

Gurabo Municipality (Gurabo) 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) Gurabo Municipality, represented by its mayor, Hon. Víctor M. Ortiz Díaz, operates a municipal separate storm sewer system located Gurabo, Puerto Rico. Gurabo, is located in the east central region of Puerto Rico. Gurabo 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: Gurabo Municipality
 - Representative: Hon. Victor M. Ortiz Díaz, Mayor
 - Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3020 Gurabo, PR 00778
 - Location of representative's office: City Hall located at State Road #189 just west of downtown Gurabo
 - Telephone numbers: (787)-737-8411, 8412, 8413, and 8414
 - Bordering Municipalities: Trujillo Alto to the north, San Lorenzo to the south, Caguas to the west, and Carolina and Juncos to the east.

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

4) Gurabo is a government public entity. Its primary administrative contact is:

- Name: Mrs. Glenda Villafañe, Federal Programs Office Coordinator
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 3020 Gurabo, PR 00778
- Location of representative's office: Gurabo's City Hall State Road #189 just west of downtown Gurabo
- Telephone numbers: (787) 737-8411

5) Gurabo does not generate, treat, or dispose 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.

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, all the bodies of water flowing through Gurabo are part of the Río Grande de Loiza watershed. Except those going through Masa and Santa Rita Wards, all streams in Gurabo are part of Carraízo Reservoir watershed. The main rivers passing through Gurabo municipal territory are the Río Grande de Loiza, and Gurabo River, which is the main tributary of the Río Grande de Loiza and supplies water to the Carraízo Reservoir. A map of roads and streams supplied by the Municipality of Gurabo Planning Officer shows over forty (40) creeks and streams (not including Masa and Santa Rita, since these wards are exempted). Approximately five of these creeks drain directly into the Río Grande de Loiza or Carraízo Reservoir. The rest of the streams drain into the Gurabo River.

There are one hundred ninety seven (197) storm water outfall locations identified; however, since in one location there may be from one to four outfalls or points of discharge, the total number of outfalls identified and located by their coordinates is three hundred seven (307).



7) Gurabo's population is estimated at 36,743 (2000 census). The municipality of Gurabo is composed of 10 wards, Celada, Gurabo city center, Hato Nuevo, Jaguar, Jaguas, Mamey, Masa, Navarro, Quebrada Infierno (Santa Rita), and Rincón.

Gurabo has many service areas, the following are the principal service areas that will be directly involve with the implementation of the Storm Water Program:

- Federal Programs Office
- Planning Department
- Municipal Public Works Department
- Medical Emergency Department
- Public Relations
- Youth Assistance Office

8) Gurabo Municipality territorial extension is approximately 28 square miles.

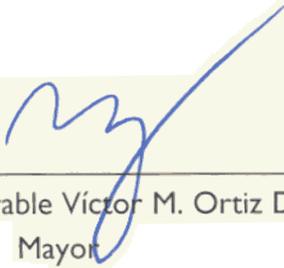
9-) A description of the preliminary measurable goals for each of the six minimum controls established as part of Gurabo Storm Water Program and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWMP) is included as part of Attachment IV of this application. It also included a general schedule for Best Management Practices implementation and frequency of the action; as wells as person(s) responsible for implementation. Also a general description of Gurabo Storm Water 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.”



Honorable Víctor M. Ortiz Díaz
Mayor

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Date

