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**NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION  
SYSTEM (NPDES) PHASE II, REGULATED SMALL MUNICIPAL  
SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4's)**

**NOTICE OF INTENT APPLICATION**

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## 1.0 NPDES (NOTICE OF INTENTION) PERMIT APPLICATION

### 1.1 BACKGROUND

In 1972, Congress amended the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred as the Clean water Act (CWA) to prohibit the discharge of any pollutant to waters of the United States from point sources unless the discharge is authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Initial efforts under the NPDES program focused on reducing pollutants in discharges of industrial process wastewater and municipal sewage. As pollution control measures have been implemented, it has become evident that diffuse sources or non-point sources are also contributors of water quality degradation. In 1990, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) promulgated rules establishing Phase I of the NPDES storm water program. The Phase I program for MS4s requires operators of "medium" and "large" MS4s, that is, those that generally serve populations of 100,000 or greater, to implement a storm water management program as a means to control polluted discharges from these MS4s. USEPA published the Storm Water Phase II Rule on December 9, 1999. Since the USEPA has not delegated the NPDES permitting program to the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB). Thus, on November 6, 2006 USEPA Region 2 issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4 GP PRR040000) for Puerto Rico.

Based on the 2000 Census, the USEPA published the Aguadilla-Isabela-San Sebastián, PR Urbanized Area Storm Water Map, which updates Appendix 6 and Appendix 7 of the Preamble to the Final Phase II regulations. As such, the Municipality of Lares is required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to seek coverage of the said permit<sup>1</sup>.

The following wards of the of Municipality of Lares fall within an Urbanized Area (See Figure 1 of Appendix A) as defined in Section 9 of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (PRR040000).

Piletas Ward	Buenos Aires Ward
Callejones Ward	Espino Ward
Lares Pueblo Ward	La Torre Ward
Pueblo Ward	Mirasol Ward
Lares Ward	

### 1.2 MUNICIPALITY OF LARES

The Municipality of Lares is located in the Interior Mountain Region at 1,200 meters above sea level and its territory is mainly mountainous. It is bounded to the North with the municipality of Camuy, to the East with the municipalities of Hatillo, Utuado, and Adjuntas, to the South with the municipalities of Yauco and Maricao, and to the West with the municipalities of San Sebastian and Las Marías. (See Figure 2 of Appendix A).

<sup>1</sup> National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Regulations of Water Pollution Control Program Addressing Storm Water Discharge Final Rule - Federal Register Vol. 64 Num. 23; pages 60721-61851 (December 8, 1999).

The Municipality of Lares has a territorial extension of 160.4 square kilometers (691.7 square miles) and a population 34,415 inhabitants <sup>2</sup> and a population density of 214.5 inhabitants per square kilometer (557.5 per sq. mi.).

The Municipality is composed of the urban zone and 12 wards.

WARDS - LARES	POPULATION
Bartolo	2,030
Buenos Aires	3,060
Callejones	4,361
Espino	1,932
Lares	3,807
Lares Town	3,673
La Torre	1,725
Mirasol	1,510
Pezuela	272
Piletas	5,656
Pueblo	5,830
Río Prieto	559
Total	34,415
Source: 2000 US Census	

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Piletas Ward	Buenos Aires Ward
Callejones Ward	Espino Ward
Lares Pueblo Ward	La Torre Ward
Pueblo Ward	Mirasol Ward
Lares Ward	

The main access to Lares is through State Road PR-128, PR-129 and PR-111.

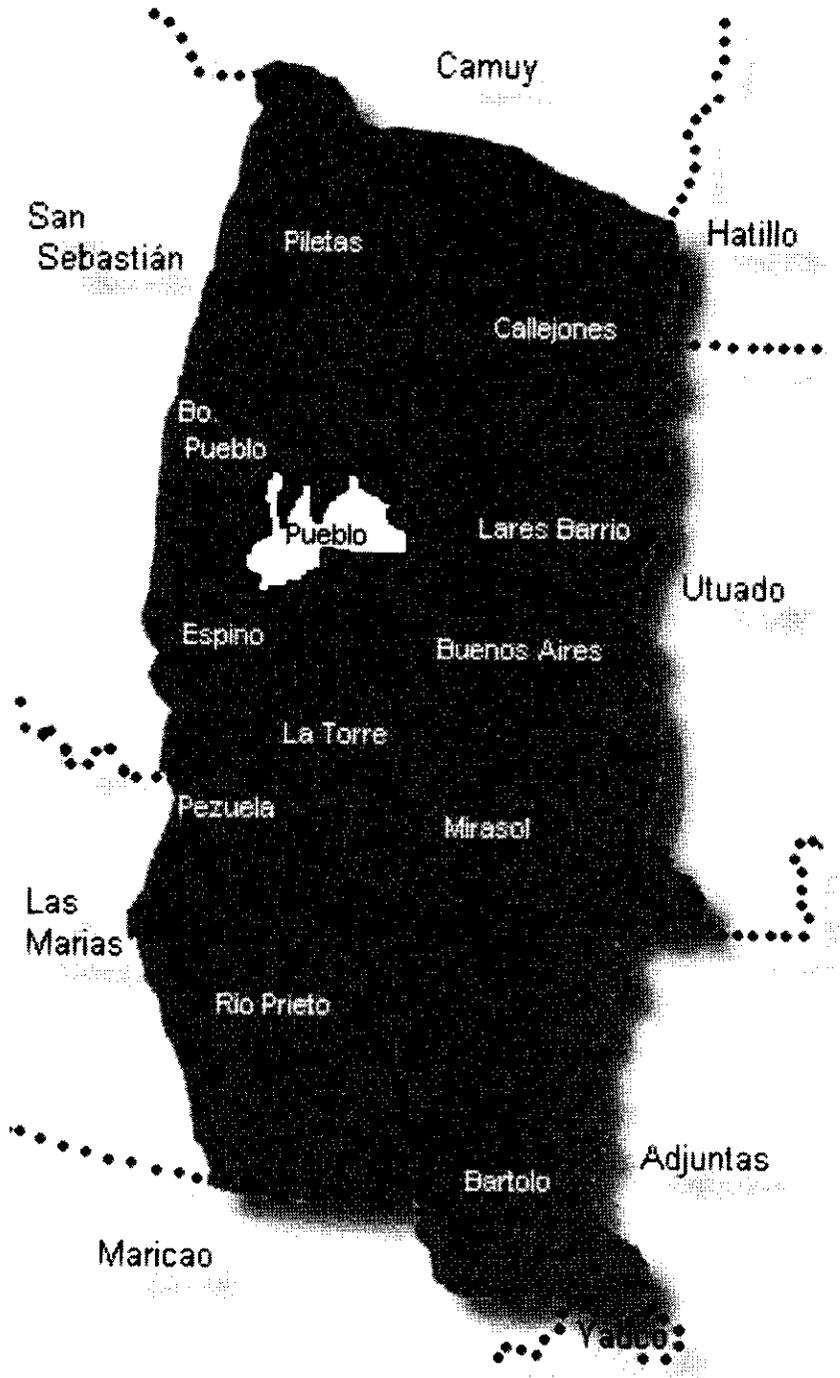
The topography is mainly mountainous. The Central Range ("Cordillera Central") separates Lares from Maricao to the South. It is in this area that the higher elevations are found: (1) Cerro Santo Domingo – 700 m. (Bartolo Ward); and (2) Cerro Malo – 640 m. (Río Prieto Ward). Located in the central part of the Municipality are: (1) Cerro La Torre – 579 m. (Mirasol Ward); and (2) Cerro Torrecilla – 430 m. (La Torre Ward).

In Lares four of the most important rivers are born: (1) Río Blanco or Río Grande de Añasco; (2) Río Culebrinas; (3) Río Camuy; and (4) Río Guajataca. Río Blanco originates between Espino and Pezuela wards at the junction of Blanco and Prieto rivers and discharges to at the Mona Channel. Among its tributaries within Lares are Achote and Grande creeks that discharge to the Guayo River. Located within its basin is the Guayo Lake. The Culebrinas River is born at the Espino Ward and discharges to the Mona Channel in the vicinity of Aguada. Among its

<sup>2</sup> Based Census 2000 Population, Housing Units, Area, and Density Summary Lares, Puerto Rico,

tributaries are Río Juncal and Quebrada Infierno. The Camuy Rivers originates in the Lares ward and discharges at the Atlantic Ocean. Among its tributaries are the Piedras and Ángeles rivers. The Guajataca River originates at the Buenos Aires Ward, discharges at the Atlantic Ocean and the Anón and Los Muertos creeks are its primary tributaries within the municipality.

The annual precipitation in Lares is about 97 inches.



Wards – Municipality of Lares

The municipal operations are mostly categorized as administrative and community service. Some of the mayor responsibilities of the Municipality of Lares are monitor budget, draft local legislation, develop local policy, and execute legally mandated government activities design to provide services to its residents. The most important municipal operations includes: the creation of local policies, strategies and plans aimed to develop our future growth; design, organize and develop projects, programs and activities for the general welfare and public service; construct, improve, repair, rebuild and/or rehabilitate facilities for the better service of our communities; organize and supervise the Municipal Police Force; establish programs to prevent incidents, including assisting the community in emergencies or natural disasters, catastrophic accidents or disasters; protect and preserve our resources and promote the protection of health and safety of our citizens by giving maintenance to all the municipal facilities and equipment, regulate and administer the program concerning stray domestic animals; provide services and programs for the collection of waste and provide ongoing maintenance to the storm water sewer system.

### **1.3 ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO NPDES PERMIT APPLICABILITY**

Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System (MS4s) located at Lares, PR

### **1.4 NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, AND LOCATION OF FACILITY FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

Municipio de Lares  
PO Box 395  
Lares, PR 00669

#### **1.4.1 NPDES (MS4s) PROGRAM POINT OF CONTACT MUNICIPALITY OF LARES**

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### **1.5 STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) CODE**

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code for the Municipality of Lares is 9199.

### **1.6 OPERATORS NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, TELEPHONE, OWNERSHIP STATUS, AND AS FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, TRIBAL OR OTHER PUBLIC ENTITY.**

Municipio de Lares  
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**1.7 PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS RECEIVED OR APPLIED****1.7.1 MUNICIPAL PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS****1.7.1.1 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**

None

**1.7.1.2 Underground Injection Control**

Information Not Available

**1.7.1.3 NPDES Program under the Clean Water Act**

Information Not Available

**1.7.1.4 Nonattainment Program under the Clean Air Act**

None

**1.7.1.5 National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Preconstruction Approvals under the Clean Air Act**

None

**1.7.1.6 Ocean Dumping Permits under the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act**

None

**1.7.1.7 Dredge or Fill Permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

None

**1.7.2 FEDERAL PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS ISSUED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY****1.7.2.1 Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Regulated Facilities**

NUMBER	OWNER/OPERATOR NAME	LAST UPDATED
PRD987381530	PR Department of Education Domingo Aponte Collaza School	06/03/2010
PRR000002196	Esso Standard Oil Co. PR-DO-297	06/03/2010
PRR000007195	Esso Standard Oil Co. PR-I-434	06/03/2010
PRR000007203	Esso Standard Oil Co. PR-SC-340	06/03/2010

NUMBER	OWNER/OPERATOR NAME	LAST UPDATED
PRR000015859	Esso Standard Oil Co. PR-SC-316	06/03/2010
PRR000003889	Lares Service Station – SS 3808	06/03/2010
PRD000689679	PRASA- Lares STP	06/03/2010
PRD980663181	PRASA – Lares WTP	06/03/2010
PRR000014357	PRIDCO	06/03/2010
PRR000006726	Texaco PR	06/03/2010

### 1.7.2.2 Underground Injection Control

Information Not Available

### 1.7.2.3 NPDES Program under the Clean Water Act

NUMBER	OWNER/OPERATOR NAME	APPLICATION TYPE	LAST UPDATED
PR0025879	PRASA- Lares STP	NPDES MAJOR	02/26/2008
PR0026450	PRASA – Lares WTP	NPDES MAJOR	06/07/2006
PR0024333	Casa Castañer, Inc.	NPDES Non-Major	12/22/2005
PRR050000 (PRR05A944)	Coach, Inc	NPDES Industrial (Expired)	-
Data Sources: NPDES Permits <a href="http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/ef_home2.water">http://oaspub.epa.gov/enviro/ef_home2.water</a>			

### 1.7.2.4 Nonattainment Program under the Clean Air Act

None

### 1.7.2.5 National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants Preconstruction Approvals under the Clean Air Act

None

### 1.7.2.6 Ocean Dumping Permits under the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act

None

**1.7.2.7 Dredge or Fill Permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act**

None

**1.7.3 STATE PERMITS OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS****1.7.3.1 Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board**

Information Not Available

**1.7.3.2 Puerto Rico Department of Environmental and Natural Resources**

Information Not Available

**1.8 STORM WATER SEWER MAP**

Included in Figure 2 of Appendix A is a map depicting the geographical extension of the Municipality of Lares and Urbanized Areas. Figure 3 of Appendix A is a map depicting the geographical extension of the Municipality of Lares, the surface water bodies within the municipal boundaries (lakes, rivers, creeks, ocean), municipal owned and operated roads, water filtration plants owned and operated by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA), including intakes and outfalls, waste water treatment plants owned and operated by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, including outfalls, hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities, non-hazardous solid waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities, NPDES permitted industrial facilities, drinking, irrigation or commercial groundwater wells.

At the present time, the Municipality lacks the information and resources needed to develop a detailed storm sewer map for the municipal operated MS4. As part of the implementation phase of the MS4 Program it is the intention of the Municipality of Lares to develop such map.

It is anticipated that at a minimum the map will include information related to:

- Municipal Storm Sewer System, including conveyance or system of conveyances and outfall locations;
- Municipal Owned and Operated Roads Storm Sewer Systems interconnected with the Municipal Storm Sewer System;
- State Owned and Operated Roads Storm Sewer Systems interconnected with the Municipal Storm Sewer System;
- Location of Surface water bodies (lakes, rivers, creeks, ocean);
- Location of Water Filtration Plants Owned and Operated by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA), including intakes and outfalls;

- Location of Waste Water Treatment Plants Owned and Operated by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority, including outfalls;
- Location of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities;
- Location of Non-Hazardous Solid Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities;
- Location of NPDES permitted industrial facilities interconnected with the Municipal Storm Sewer System;
- Location of NPDES permitted industrial facilities discharging to a surface water body;
- Location of Commercial Facilities (Regulated under the PRASA Pretreatment Program) interconnected with the Municipal Storm Sewer System or discharging to a surface water body;
- Location of Drinking, Irrigation or Commercial Groundwater Wells;
- Location of Underground Injection Systems (including residential septic tanks);
- Illegal/Illicit Discharges to MS-4;
- Location of Gas Stations.

## **1.9 DESCRIPTION OF THE MUNICIPAL STORM WATER SEWER SYSTEM**

The Municipality of Lares Storm Water Sewer System (MS4s) in the urban areas in general consist of a series of catch basins, typically located within the right-of-way of municipal and state roads, interconnected by underground concrete or PVC pipes which normally discharge to local rivers or creeks. In the rural areas the Municipal MS4s system typically consists of a series of interconnected open channel culverts, which run parallel to municipal and state roads, and usually discharge to a surface water body. Interconnected to the Municipal MS4s system are the storm water sewer systems owned and operated by the Puerto Rico Department of Public Works and Transportation and the Puerto Rico Highway and Transportation Authority. Also, interconnected to the Municipal MS4s systems are the discharges from NPDES (Stormwater) permitted facilities and PRASA Pre-treatment permitted industrial and commercial facilities.

As the Municipality of Lares implements the proposed Storm Management Plan a more accurate description (capacity, operation, etc.) of the Municipal MS4s system can be provided.

## **1.10 ESTIMATED SQUARE MILEAGE SERVED BY THE MS4 SYSTEM**

The estimated square mileage served by the MS4 System is 24.68 mi<sup>2</sup>.

## **1.11 STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Municipality of Lares has many regulatory and public responsibilities. One of these is the development of a Comprehensive Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The SWMP will be

developed to meet the regulatory requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Rule and to assist the municipality in maintaining and improving the municipality drainage facilities which include pipelines, structures, basins, ditches, swales, ponds, under drains and drainage wells, to ensure that they perform to design capacity and that all receiving bodies meet state and federal standards for water quality. It will also be an important tool for use in the day-to-day operations and as a public reference document. Along with regulatory issues, this plan will address protection of property from flooding and erosion, identifies health and safety issues related to water resources, and will make recommendations for the preservation of environmental and aesthetic benefits to the community.

Through the use of field observations, results of past and future studies, hydrologic/hydraulic computer modeling, and input from Municipality staff and a proposed Citizens Advisory Committee, the plan will identify existing problems and potential future problems within the municipality. A combination of regulatory requirements, public education, increased maintenance activities, and capital improvements will be recommended to solve identified problems. The major plan elements include the following:

- Development of a proposed storm water ordinance that, among other things, establishes minimum requirements for new development and redevelopment, prohibits illicit discharges into surface waters, and requires maintenance of privately owned storm water facilities.
- Development of public education opportunities to inform the community of water quality issues, and, specifically, the new ordinance and its requirements.
- Develop a Storm Water Assistance Program, to assist businesses and persons in their efforts to comply with NPDES storm water regulations and will educate citizens about storm water runoff and associated concerns.
- Analysis of localized flooding and water quality problems and solutions, and development of a prioritized list of recommended drainage system improvements.
- Development of a Capital Improvements Program.
- Development of a Maintenance and Operations Program.
- Development of a Public Education.
- Development of a Compliance Management Program to among other things, monitor illicit discharges into surface waters, storm water discharges associated with industrial activity and construction sites.
- Description of the overall program costs.
- Analysis of funding options and the creation of a storm water utility.

The Stormwater Management Plan will be developed, under the direction of the Federal Programs Office. The SWMP will focus initially on community education, dissemination of storm water pollution prevention information, system inventory and analysis of drainage and water quality

issues followed by a facilities maintenance program, and a comprehensive storm and surface water code and policy. As envisioned, the SWMP will address the drainage network base map, hydrologic and hydraulic analysis and modeling, if required, for the principal surface water bodies (creeks and rivers), environmental and water quality issues, capital improvement program, storm water facilities maintenance program and a comprehensive Storm Water Management Code and Policy.

Semiannual meetings will hold to update all partnership members and Citizens Advisory Committee on the status of the planned activities. A written annual report will be prepared, submitted to USEPA and distributed each year.

## **1.12 PROPOSED WORK PLAN**

Under the direction of the Federal Programs Office, a work plan will be developed at the beginning of each year based on priorities. Semiannual meetings will be held to update all partnership members on the status of the planned activities. A written annual report will be prepared and distributed at the end of each year. The anticipated activities are currently divided into six major tasks:

### **1.12.1 DESCRIPTION OF MEASURABLE GOALS FOR THE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO BE IMPLEMENTED**

### **1.12.2 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 1 – PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH**

The Municipality of Lares is planning to implement a public education program that would include the distribution of educational materials within the general community regarding the potential impacts of storm water discharges on water bodies. It would also include the measures that the community may take to reduce pollutants in storm water. The program may include the preparation and distribution of written materials as well as the coordination of public meetings. The following BMP's will be implemented:

- Storm Water-Related Public Service Announcements
- Development and Distribution of Storm Water-Related Materials
- Storm Water Web Page
- Storm Water Pamphlets, Booklets, and Flyers

### **1.12.3 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 2 – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION**

The Municipality of Lares is planning to implement a public involvement and participation program. Public participation meetings are planned to obtain input from the community. Functionaries responsible for the program would coordinate the meetings to assure the participation of the community. The following BMP's will be implemented:

- Storm Drain Stenciling Program
- Annual Cleanup
- Public Involvement Program
- Community Hotline

#### **1.12.4 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 3 – ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION**

To meet the requirements of this measurement the Municipality of Lares is planning to develop a map of the storm sewer system showing the location of all outfalls, inflows, manholes, and waters of the United States that receive discharges from the outfalls. The Municipality of Lares is planning to implement a program for the detection of possible illegal non-storm water discharges into the system. The program may include visual assessments, connectivity testing, dye testing and/or smoke tests. Allowable discharges, as included in Section 1.4 of the permit, will be addressed as part of this control measure only if the Municipality of Lares identifies them as significant contributors of pollutants to the small MS4. As part of the SWMP development the Municipality of Lares will list occasional incidental non-stormwater discharges that will not be addressed as illicit discharges such as non-commercial or charity car washes. A prohibition of any non-storm water discharge that it is determined to be contributing significant amounts of pollutants to the MS4 would be included in the SWMP. The following BMP's will be implemented:

- Develop a Storm Sewer System Map
- Develop Regulations to Enforce Nonstorm Water Discharges
- Educational Outreach
- Develop Program to Detect, Identify, and Eliminate Illicit Discharges
- Develop Program to Detect, Identify, and Eliminate Illegal Solid Waste Dumping
- Develop Program to Detect, Identify, and Eliminate Wastewater Connections to the Storm Drain System
- Develop Program to Detect and Eliminate Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- Develop Program to Detect and Eliminate Failing Septic Systems

#### **1.12.5 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 4 – CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER RUNOFF CONTROL**

The Municipality of Lares is planning to develop, implement and enforce a program to reduce pollutants in any storm water runoff to their MS4 from construction activities. For construction activities covering one acre or more of land or covering less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan, the Municipality of Lares will require that the construction activity be implemented in accordance to the NPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities issued by the EPA in July 1, 2003. To ensure that this requirement is met the Municipality of Lares will develop an administrative procedure or guideline to assure that the requirement for the request of compliance with the NPDES General Permit for construction activities is met.

By implementing the requirement of meeting the conditions of the Construction Activities General Permit Municipality of Lares will assure that adequate erosion and sedimentation controls are implemented and inspected during the project construction phase. The following BMP's will be implemented:

- Ordinances or Other Regulatory Mechanisms
- General Construction Site Waste Controls
- Information Submitted by the Public
- Construction Site Inspection and Enforcement

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**1.12.6 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 5 – POST-CONSTRUCTION STORM WATER MANAGEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT**

The Municipality of Lares is planning to develop a post construction runoff control management program for areas within the Municipality that would undergo municipal projects, private developments or redevelopments. The program would be aimed to reducing pollutants in post construction runoff from these areas. BMP's that may be considered during the development of the SWMP would include:

- Development of administrative procedures or guidelines to ensure the inspection and maintenance of the runoff control measures.
- Development of administrative procedures or guidelines to ensure that municipal projects, new development or redevelopment plans are reviewed and verified for the inclusion of post-construction runoff control measures.
- Development of administrative procedures, ordinances or policies to ensure that one or more of the following general BMP's are included in the design plans of any new or redeveloped project: innovative BMP's, infiltration systems, filtration systems or retention/detention ponds. The following BMP's will be implemented:
  - **Best Management Practices - Structural**
    - Detention Ponds
    - Porous Pavement Program
    - Vegetative Practices (Storm Water Wetland Program)
    - Runoff Pretreatment Practices
  - **Best Management Practices - Nonstructural**
    - The Land Management Plan of the Municipality of Lares shall include a regional growth planning process to contain sprawl development and direct new growth into previously developed areas.
    - Develop green parking techniques to reduce the contribution of parking lots to the total impervious.
    - Develop an alternative pavers program that can replace impervious surfaces, creating less storm water runoff.
    - Develop education programs for developers and the public about project designs that minimize water quality impacts.
  - **Best Management Practices – Inspection and Maintenance Program**
    - Develop an inspection and repair program to maintain the effectiveness of post-construction storm water control BMP's.

### 1.12.7 **MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURE 6 – POLLUTION PREVENTION (GOOD HOUSEKEEPING FOR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS)**

The Municipality of Lares is planning to develop and implement a pollution prevention/good housekeeping program to minimize or to reduce potential pollutants from reaching the storm sewer system. The program will consist of the following BMP's:

#### a) **Source Controls**

- Vehicle Maintenance Program
- Vehicle Washing Program
- Parking Lot and Street Cleaning Program
- Roadway and Bridge Maintenance Program
- Storm Drain System Cleaning Program

#### b) **Materials Management**

- Alternative Products
- Hazardous Materials Storage Program
- Spill Response and Prevention Program
- Used Oil Recycling Program
- Materials Management Program

### 1.13 **BMP IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE**

BMP Implementation Schedule and MCM 1-6 Performance Measures will begin in 2010 and ends in 2011. A detail implementation schedule will be included in the Stormwater Management Plan.

### 1.14 **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING OR COORDINATING THE APPLICANT'S STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

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### 1.15 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES, HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND MARINE FISHERIES**

#### 1.15.1.1 **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES**

Eligibility and screening procedures relating to species listed and critical habitat designated under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The MS4 operated by the Municipality of Lares meets **Criterion E**: Storm water discharges associated with industrial activity and allowable non-storm water discharges are not likely to adversely affect any federally listed endangered and threatened (listed) species or designated critical habitat.

The threatened and endangered species that have been reported for the Municipality of Lares

are identified in the table below<sup>3</sup>:

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	COMMON NAME SPANISH	GROUP	STATUS	DISTRIBUTION
<i>Epicrates inornatus</i>	Puerto Rican Boa	Boa Puertorriña	Reptile	Endangered	Forrested Volcavic and Limestone (Karst) Hills
Source: US Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Endangered Species Map. 2007 <a href="http://www.fws.gov/caribbean/es/PD/Map.pdf">http://www.fws.gov/caribbean/es/PD/Map.pdf</a>					

The Best Management Practices (Item 1.12 of the Notice of Intent) proposed to control storm water in the MS4 operated by the Municipality will not affect these species or their habitat.

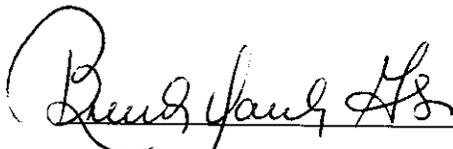
#### 1.15.1.2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Eligibility and screening procedures relating to historic properties and the National Historic Preservation Act. The MS4 operated by the Municipality of Lares meets **Criterion B**: Storm water discharges related activities (i.e. construction and/or installation of storm water best management practices that involve subsurface disturbance) would not affect historic properties.

#### 1.16 SIGNATORIES TO PERMIT APPLICATION AND REPORTS

##### 1.16.1 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 designated to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who managed 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 am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.



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<sup>3</sup> U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; Caribbean Endangered Species Map, Mapa de Especies Caribeñas en Peligro de Extinción, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, Federally Listed Species, Last Revised 2007, page 51.

**APPENDIX A**  
**FIGURES**