

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION II

CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

CITY VIEW PLAZA II, SUITE 7000

GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO 00968-8069

Public Notice No.

Date: June 28, 2013

NOTICE: PREPARATION OF DRAFT NPDES PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that the following parties have applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. ' 1251 et seq. (the Act), for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge pollutants from the following facilities into waters of the United States.

<u>NPDES</u>				<u>Receiving Water /</u>
<u>Number</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Flow</u>	<u>Classification</u>
			<u>(MGD)*</u>	
PR0000353	Heritage Environmental Services PR, LLC 3080 Hostos Avenue Mayagüez, Puerto Rico 00682	Heritage Environmental Services PR, LLC	0.062	Rio Grande de Añasco / SD
PR0023094	Office for the Improvement of Public Schools Puerto Rico Department of Education P.O. Box 195644 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00919	Yaurel Elementary and Intermediate School Wastewater Treatment Plan	0.015	Palmarejo Creek / SD
PR0001325	Linde Gas Puerto Rico, Inc. P.O. Box 363868 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936	Linde Gas Puerto Rico, Inc.	WFO**	Aguas Frias Creek / SD

PR0025755	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA La Plata WTP	0.35	La Plata River / SD
PR0026191	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Guilarte WTP	0.0317	Stormwater ditch tributary to Guilarte River / SD
PR0026271	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Roncador WTP	0.16	Unnamed creek tributary to Colorada Creek / SD
PR0026403	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Guayanés	0.0.072	Intermittent creek tributary to Guayanés River / SD
PR0022471	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Guzmán Arriba WTP	0.190	Unnamed creek tributary to Canóvanas River / SD
PR0022659	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Cedro Arriba WTP	0.1152	Frio River / SD
PR0022802	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Luquillo WTP	0.1872	Intermittent Creek tributary to Sabana River / SD
PR0025119	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station	PRASA Ceiba Sur WTP	0.1	Natural drainage tributary to Vanlenciano River /

	San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916			SD
PR0025411	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Rio Prieto	0.0762	Intermittent Creek tributary to Prieto River / SD
PR0026077	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Cayey Farallón WTP	0.337	Unnamed Creek tributary to La Plata River / SD
PR0022969	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Maricao WTP	0.115	Stormwater ditch tributary to Maricao River / SD
PR0025101	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Parcelas Borinquen WWTP	0.300	Turabo River / SD
PR0025445	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Guayama WWTP	10	Caribbean Sea / SC
PR0026085	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Superacucto Norte WTP	7.0	Río Grande de Arecibo / SD

*Million gallons per day.

** When flow occurs.

Pursuant to procedures at 40 CFR § 122.62 which govern the permit modification process, EPA is issuing a drat NPDES permit modifications for the following discharger of pollutant into waters of the United Sates.

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PR0021555	Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) P.O. Box 7066 Barrio Obrero Station San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916	PRASA Puerto Nuevo WWTP	144	Atlantic Ocean / SC

*Million gallons per day.

This Notice is being given to inform the public that the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) has provided the certifications required by Section 401 of the Act and EPA has prepared drafts permit based on EQB's Water Quality Certificates. These draft permits contain effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. If, after the conclusion of the proceedings summarized below, EPA makes a final decision to issue the permits, the applicant will be required to comply with all the conditions in those permits.

The draft permits prepared by EPA are based on the administrative records. Among other documents, the administrative record required by ' 124.9 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 40 C.F.R. 124.9, 45 Federal Register 33488 (May 19, 1980), consists of the application, draft permit, and statement of basis or fact sheet describing the reasons for the conditions in the draft permit. The administrative records (with the exception of material readily available at EPA, Region II, or published material which is generally available) are filed at the EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office in City View Plaza II, Suite 7000, #48 RD. 165 Km, 1.2 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968-8069 and may be inspected at anytime between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. A copy of the draft permits and other available information may be obtained at a charge of \$0.15 per page by writing to the above address, or by calling (787) 977-5870. The draft permit and fact sheet are also available

on the EPA website at the following web address:

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html>.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit to the Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, at the above address by no later than 30 days from this notice. All persons, including the applicant, who believe that the preparation of the draft permits was inappropriate or that any of the conditions of the draft permits are not appropriate either because one of the variances or modifications listed in 40 C.F.R. ' 122.53(1) should be granted or for some other reason, have an obligation to raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their positions, including all supporting materials, by the close of the public comment period. All supporting materials must be submitted in full unless it is already included in the administrative record. If EPA finds that timely comments were submitted which appear to raise substantial new questions, EPA may reopen the public comment period.

In lieu of, or in addition to, the submission of comments as above provided, any interested persons may request a public hearing. Any request for a public hearing under 40 C.F.R. ' 124.12 on EPA's draft permits must be in writing, state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing, and be submitted to the Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office City View Plaza II, Suite 7000, #48 RD. 165 Km, 1.2 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968-8069, by no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. EPA's decision on the question of whether to hold a public hearing on the draft NPDES permits, the administration of any hearing and the rights and obligations of participants are governed by regulations at 40 C.F.R. ' 124.12.

If EPA holds a public hearing, the public comment period in this Notice shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing.

If EPA does not hold a public hearing or reopen the comment period, EPA shall consider the issuance of a final permit to the applicant as soon as possible after the date indicated above for the submission of comments. All timely comments, submitted by interested persons in response to this Notice, and statements and other evidence properly submitted at any public hearing held by EPA shall be considered in making the final decision with respect to these permit applications. All comments shall be answered as provided in 40 C.F.R. ' 124.17. The Applicant and any other person who submits timely written comments or requests notice of final permit decision shall receive notice of EPA's final decision. Within 30 days of service of such notice, any interested person who has submitted timely written comments may file a notice of appeal and petition for review to the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision. Any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the draft permit may petition for review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final permit decision. Any such appeal must meet the requirements of 40 CFR ' 124.19. All pleadings sent through the U.S. Postal Service (except by Express Mail) must be addressed to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B)

Ariel Rios Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Documents that are delivered to the Board by hand or courier, including Federal Express, UPS,

and U.S. Postal Express Mail, must be delivered to the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Clerk of the Board, Environmental Appeals Board

Ronald Reagan Building, EPA Mail Room

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20004

Documents that are hand-carried may be delivered to the Clerk of the Board from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding federal holidays).

José C. Font, Acting Director

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