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. 2013-04 **Date:February 15, 2013**

NOTICE: PREPARATION OF DRAFT NPDES PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that the following party:
Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA)
P.O. Box 7066
Barrio Obrero Station
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916

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.

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water / Classification
PR0020494	Guayanilla WWTP	0.62	Guayanilla River / SD
PR0026484	Fajardo WWTP	9.2	Fajardo River / SD
PR0025950	Esperanza WTP	0.0469	Tanamá River / SD
PR0026611	Morovis-Rio Grande WTP	0.050	Unnamed creek tributary to Rio Grande / SD
PR0026671	Aceitunas WTP	0.3744	Jacaguas River / SD
PR0026735	Sana Muertos WTP	0.0467	Los Cabros Creek which is tributary to Sana Muerto River / SD
PR0023931	El Yunque WTP	2.200	Espiritu Santo River / SD
PR0022845	Rio Blanco WTP	0.1728	Rio Blanco River / SD
PR0024651	Guaraguao WTP	0.006	Portugués River / SD
PR0026743	Gurabo WTP	0.288	Gurabo River / SD
PR0022853	Naguabo WTP	0.1008	Grande Creek tributary to Santiago River / SD
PR0021661	Yauco WWTP	4.5	Yauco River / SD
PR0022888	Caguas Sur WTP	0.62	Quebradillas Creek / SD
PR0023981	San Sebastian WTP	0.3024	Unnamed creek tributary to Moralón Creek / SD
PR0026565	La Boca Barranquitas WTP	0.187	Río Hondo River ./ SD
PR0022985	Lajas WTP	2.218	Mondongo Creek / SD
PR0023264	Rio Grande Estates WWTP	0.75	Suspiro Creek / SD
PR0026883	Indiera Alta WTP	0.101	Prieto River / SD

***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 support_ing 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 go verned 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, Director
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency