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Mr. Eduardo Rivera Cruz
Executive Director
Puerto Rico Buildings Authority
S.U. Mamayes Ward School
P.O. Box 41029
San Juan, PR 00664

Re: Notice of Issuance of Final Permit Decision
NPDES Permit: PR0023132 – Puerto Rico Buildings Authority – Second Unit (S.U.)
Mamayes Ward School

Dear Mr. Rivera Cruz:

Pursuant to authority granted by Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (the Act), you are hereby served with this Notice of Issuance of a Final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the above-indicated facility.

Please read the final permit carefully, since it may contain changes from the draft which you received. If comments were received in a timely manner as a result of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Public Notice of its preparation of the draft permit, they have been considered in making the final decision. A copy of a memorandum is enclosed which explains EPA's position on issues raised by any comments submitted.

EPA will not subject the changes from the draft to the final NPDES permit to another public review.

The final permit decision shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of service of this notice of issuance. Within this (30) day period, the final permit decision may be appealed by the filing of a notice of appeal and petition for review with the Agency's Environmental Appeals Board (EAB), in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §124.19.

Any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing may file the above referenced notice of appeal and petition for review to the EAB within those thirty (30) days 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 may appeal for review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final permit decision.

This petition for review shall include a statement of the reasons supporting that review, including a demonstration that any issues being raised were raised during the public comment period (including any public hearing) to the extent required by these regulations and, when appropriate, a showing that the condition in question is based on:

- (1) A finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous; or
- (2) An exercise of discretion or an important policy consideration which the EAB should, in its discretion, review.

The original and one copy of all requests for appeal of the final permit decision must be addressed to:

United State Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Appeals Board (MC-1103B)
Ariel Rios Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

A copy of the request must be sent to:

Barbara McGarry, Chief
Compliance Assistance and Program Support Branch
United States Environmental Protection Agency- Region II
290 Broadway, 21st Floor
New York, New York 10007-1866

Upon notification from the EAB of the filing of a notice of review, the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 2 will notify the EAB, the applicant and all other interested parties of the uncontested (and severable) conditions of the final permit that will become fully effective enforceable obligations of the permit thirty (30) days after the date of the

Regional Administrator's notice.

The force and effect of the contested conditions of the final permit shall be stayed until final agency action under 40 CFR i 124.19(f). Uncontested conditions which are not severable from those contested shall be stayed together with contested conditions.

In accordance with 40 CFR i 124.16, if the permit involves a new facility, new injection well, new source, new discharger or a recommencing discharger, the applicant shall be without a permit pending final agency action. A permittee holding an existing permit

must comply with conditions in the existing permit that correspond to the stayed conditions of the new permit.

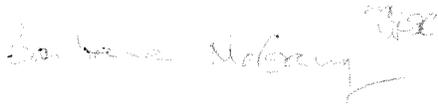
Once the final permit has become effective, the final permit decision will be considered final Agency action for the purpose of judicial review.

You will also find enclosed three (3) copies of EPA Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) Form 3320-1 (9-88) for this permit. In the future, pre-printed DMR forms will be sent to you on a quarterly basis.

Please be advised that violation of any of the conditions of the enclosed permit may subject your organization and its officials to the civil and criminal penalties provided for in Section 309 of the Clean Water Act.

Thank you for your cooperation in the development of this permit. I encourage you or your staff to contact Ms. Nancy Rodriguez, Acting Chief, Multimedia Permits and Compliance Branch at (787) 977-5887 with any questions about the terms and conditions of this permit.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara McGarry", with a date "1/22" written to the right of the signature.

Barbara McGarry, Chief
Compliance Assistance and Program Support Branch

Enclosures



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LIST OF PERSONS RECEIVING FINAL PERMIT

The attached list of persons was mailed the Notice of Issuance of Final Permit Decision for the Puerto Rico Buildings Authority:

Second Unit (S.U.) Mamayas Ward School – PR0023132

The applicant was mailed the Notice of Issuance of Final Permit Decision and Permit by certified mail, return receipt requested. This statement is made pursuant to the requirements of 40 C.F.R. 124.15(a).

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Victoria Padron, DECA-CAPS

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NAME

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Applicant for:

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Region 2
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NPDES NO. PR0023132

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

The following Permittee is authorized to discharge subject to the requirements set forth in this permit:

Permittee (mailing address)	Facility (location address)
Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority	Second Unit (S.U.) Mamayes Ward School
S.U. Mamayes Ward School P.O. Box 41029	Km. 11.1 Road PR-141 Mamayes Ward
San Juan, PR 00664	Jayuya, PR 00664
EPA has classified this discharge as a minor discharge.	

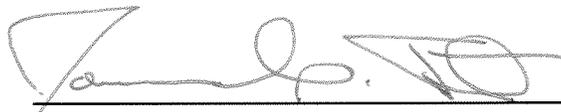
The Permittee may discharge from the discharge points identified below:

Outfall	Effluent description	Outfall latitude	Outfall longitude	Receiving water name and classification
001	Secondary treated sanitary wastewater	18 ° , 15' , 45" N	66 ° , 34' , 45" W	Unnamed creek tributary to Rio Naranjito (SD)

Issuance date	Effective date (EDP)	Expiration date	Renewal application date
<i>April 22, 2014</i>	June 1, 2014	May 31, 2019	December 1, 2018

To meet the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) as amended, 33 *United States Code* (U.S.C.) 1251 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations, the Permittee shall comply with the requirements in this permit.

I, **José C. Font, Director**, do hereby certify that this permit with all attachments is a full, true, and correct copy of the permit issued by EPA, on the issuance date above, and certified by the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board.



José C. Font, Director
 Caribbean Environmental Protection Division
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2

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PART I. BACKGROUND

- A. Rationale for Permit Requirements.** This permit is issued pursuant to CWA section 402 and implementing regulations adopted by EPA. EPA developed the requirements in this permit on the basis of information submitted as part of the complete application and monitoring and reporting requirements, and other available information. This permit contains TBELS based on Secondary Treatment Standards at 40 CFR Part 133 and a case-by-case determination using Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) in accordance with 40 CFR 125.3 and WQBELS based on the Puerto Rico Water Quality Standards Regulation (PRWQS), as amended. The accompanying Fact Sheet contains detailed information and rationale for permit requirements.
- B. Water Quality Certificate.** Pursuant to CWA section 401(a)(1), after due consideration of the applicable provisions established in the PRWQS and CWA sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 304(e), 306 and 307, on December 19, 2012 the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) certified that reasonable assurance was determined that the allowed discharge will not cause violations to the applicable water quality standards for the receiving water body if the limitations and monitoring requirements in the Water Quality Certificate are met. Additional requirements could be required to comply with other sections of the CWA.
- C. Impaired Waters and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).** This facility does not discharge to an impaired water.
- D. Mixing Zone/Dilution Allowance.** EQB has not approved a mixing zone or dilution allowance for this discharge.
- E. Anti-degradation and Anti-backsliding Requirements.** The discharge is consistent with the federal anti-degradation provisions at 40 CFR 131.12, 72 Federal Register 238 (December 12, 2007, pages 70517-70526), and EQB's *Anti-Degradation Policy Implementation Procedure* in Attachment A of PRWQS. In addition, all effluent limitations in this permit are at least as stringent as the effluent limitations in the previous permit and are consistent with the anti-backsliding requirements at 40 CFR 122.44(l).
- F. Public Participation.** Federal regulations at 40 CFR 124 require EPA to consider all significant comments on the draft permit received during the public comment period in the development of the final permit. Any comments received will be provided in a Responsiveness Summary issued with the final permit. There were no comments received during the public comment period.

PART II. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Final Effluent Limitations—Outfall Number 001

The Permittee shall maintain compliance with the following effluent limitations at Outfall 001, with compliance measured at Monitoring Location EFF-001.

Effluent Limitations Table

Parameter	Units	Effluent limitations			Monitoring requirements		Parameter Code	Footnotes
		Average monthly	Average weekly	Maximum daily	Sample type	Minimum sampling frequency		
Effluent Flow	mgd	Monitor only	Monitor only	0.01	Metered	Continuous	50050	(1)
Influent BOD, 5-day (20°C)	mg/L	Monitor only	Monitor only	--	24-Hr Comp	1/Month	00310	
	mg/L	30	--	30	24-Hr Comp	1/Month	00310	
Effluent BOD, 5-day (20°C)	kg/day	1.13	--	1.13	Calculated	1/Month	81010	
	minimum % removal	85	--	--	24-Hr Comp	1/Month	00530	
Influent TSS	mg/L	Monitor only	Monitor only	--	Calculated	1/Month	81011	
	mg/L	30	45	--	24-Hr Comp	1/Month	00530	
Effluent TSS	kg/day	1.13	1.70	--	Calculated	1/Month	00400	
	minimum % removal	85	--	--	Grab	1/Day	74057	(2)
pH	standard units		Minimum 6.0 Maximum 9.0		Grab	1/Day	30500	(3)
Fecal Coliforms	(colonies/100 ml)	200	--	400	Calculated	5/Month	00940	(4)
	% Exceeding Limit	--	--	20	Grab	1/Quarter	50060	(5)
Chloride	mg/L	--	--	Monitor only	Grab	1/Day		
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L	--	--	0.5	Grab	1/Day		

Effluent Limitations Table

Parameter	Units	Effluent limitations			Monitoring requirements		Parameter Code	Footnotes
		Average monthly	Average weekly	Maximum daily	Sample type	Minimum sampling frequency		
Color	Pt-Co units	--	--	15	Grab	1/Quarter	00080	
Copper	µg/L	--	--	7	Grab	1/Month	01119	
	kg/day	--	--	0.00026				
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Minimum 5			Grab	1/Day	00300	(6)
Fluoride	µg/L	--	--	700	Grab	1/Month	00951	
	kg/day	--	--	0.026				
Nitrate plus Nitrite (as N)	µg/L	--	--	10,000	Grab	1/Month	00630	
	kg/day	--	--	0.38				
Oil and Grease	mg/L	--	--	--	Grab	1/Month	00556	(7)
Sulfide (S) (undissociated H ₂ S)	µg/L	--	--	2	Grab	1/Quarter	51202	(8)
	kg/day	--	--	0.000076				
Surfactants as MBAS	µg/L	--	--	100	Grab	1/Month	38260	
	kg/day	--	--	0.0038				
Suspended, Colloidal, or Settleable Solids	ml/L	--	--	--	Grab	1/Day	00545	(9)
Temperature	°F (°C)	Maximum 90			Grab	1/Day	00010	(10)
Total Ammonia (NH ₃)	mg/L	--	--	1.0	Grab	1/Month	82230	
	kg/day	--	--	0.038				
Total Coliforms	(colonies/100 ml)	10,000	--	--	Grab	5/Month	74056	(11)
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	--	--	500	Grab	1/Month	70295	
	mg/L	--	--	1.0				
Total Phosphorous (P)	kg/day	--	--	0.038	Grab	1/Month	00665	
	NTU	--	--	50				
Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity	TU _a	--	--	--	24-hr Composite	1/Quarter	TS000	(12)

Notes, Footnotes and Abbreviations

Dashes (--) indicate there are no effluent limitations or monitoring requirements for this parameter.

All limitations expressed in mass calculated from concentration-based limitations are calculated according to: mass (kg/day) = Flow (MGD) x concentration (mg/L) x 3.78 (kg/L)/(mg)/(mgd)

- (1) All flow measurements must achieve accuracy within the range of plus or minus (\pm) 10%. No increase in flow of discharge 001 shall be authorized without a re-certification from EQB. The flow measuring device for Outfall 001 shall be periodically calibrated and properly maintained.
- (2) This average monthly effluent limitation is expressed as a geometric (or log) mean, based on a minimum of five samples collected for any 30-day period.
- (3) For the maximum daily effluent limitation, no more than 20% of the single samples of fecal coliform collected during any 30-day period must exceed a MPN of 400 per 100 ml. All single samples must be reported as laboratory results attached to the DMR.
- (4) The effluent limitation for chloride has been discontinued. The permittee is required to achieve the same level of treatment for chloride as in the previous permit. The permittee is required to monitor for chloride once per quarter and report the maximum daily value.
- (5) The Permittee shall at all times operate the plant to achieve the lowest possible residual chlorine while still complying with permit limits for bacterial indicator(s).
- (6) Shall not contain less than 5.0 mg/L
- (7) The discharge shall not cause the presence of oil sheen in the receiving water body. In addition, the waters of Puerto Rico shall be substantially free from floating non-petroleum oil and greases as well as petroleum derived oils and greases.
- (8) The Permittee shall use the approved EPA analytical method with the lowest possible detection limit, currently, EPA Method 376.2, Standard Methods 4500-S2- D (18th Edition), or HACH Company Method 8131 for the determination of the dissolved sulfide (as S) concentration in the sample. Using the dissolved sulfide concentration, the Permittee shall calculate the Undissociated Hydrogen Sulfide concentration using Standard Methods 4500-S2- F (18th Edition). If the sample result for dissolved sulfide is below the detection limit of EPA Method 376.2 or Standard Methods 4500-S2- D (18th Edition), i.e., <100 $\mu\text{g/L}$, then the Permittee has demonstrated that the sample result for Undissociated Hydrogen Sulfide is below that same detection limit, and that compliance with the permit limit of 2 $\mu\text{g/L}$ for Undissociated Hydrogen Sulfide was achieved.
- (9) Solids from wastewater sources shall not cause deposition in or be deleterious to the existing or designated uses of the waters. The Permittee shall perform the tests for Settleable Solids.
- (10) Except by natural causes, no heat may be added to the waters of Puerto Rico which would cause the temperature of any site to exceed 90 °F (32.2°C).
- (11) The receiving waters shall be free of other pathogenic organisms.
- (12) See Part IV.B.2. *Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing* for monitoring and reporting requirements for acute and chronic WET.

B. Interim Effluent Limitations—Not Applicable

C. Narrative Limitations

In accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d), the permit establishes the following narrative limitations.

1. The waters of Puerto Rico shall not contain any substance, attributable to the discharge at such concentration which, either alone or as result of synergistic effects with other substances, is toxic or produces undesirable physiological responses in humans, fish, or other fauna or flora.
2. The waters of Puerto Rico shall not contain floating debris, scum, or other floating materials attributable to discharges in amounts sufficient to be unsightly or deleterious to the existing or designated uses of the water body.
3. Taste and odor-producing substances shall not be present in amounts that will interfere with primary contact recreation, or will render any undesirable taste or odor to edible aquatic life.
4. No toxic substances shall be discharged, in toxic concentrations, other than those allowed as specified in the NPDES permit. Those toxic substances included in the permit renewal application, but not regulated by the NPDES program, shall not exceed the concentrations specified in the applicable regulatory limitations.

D. Monitoring Requirements

1. Effluent monitoring and analyses shall be conducted in accordance with EPA test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, *Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants Under the Clean Water Act*, as amended. For situations where there may be interference, refer to *Solutions to Analytical Chemistry Problems with Clean Water Act Methods* (EPA 821-R-07-002). For effluent analyses, the Permittee shall use a *Minimum Level (ML)* that is lower than the effluent limitations described in Effluent Limitations Table of this permit. If all published MLs are higher than the effluent limitations, the Permittee shall use the test method procedure with the lowest ML. The Permittee shall ensure that the laboratory uses a standard calibration where the lowest standard point is equal to or less than the ML. Priority pollutant analysis for metals shall measure *total metal*, except as provided under 40 CFR 122.45(c). EPA method 1631E shall be used for mercury analysis. Priority pollutant analysis for benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene and xylene shall employ either EPA Method 602 or 624. Effluent analysis for xylene shall measure *total xylene*.
2. The regulations at 40 CFR 122.48 require that all NPDES permits specify monitoring and reporting requirements. All monitoring shall be in accordance with Standard Condition 10. *Monitoring and records* in Attachment B of this permit.
3. Sampling point for Outfall 001 shall be located immediately after the primary flow measuring device of the effluent of the treatment system.
4. The Permittee shall develop and implement a quality assurance (QA) plan for laboratory analyses for effluent and/or receiving water monitoring.
5. A licensed chemist authorized to practice the profession in Puerto Rico shall certify all chemical analyses. All bacteriological tests shall be certified by a licensed microbiologist or medical technologist authorized to practice the profession in Puerto Rico.

E. Monitoring Locations

The Permittee shall establish the following monitoring locations to demonstrate compliance with the effluent limitations and other requirements in this permit:

Monitoring Locations Table

Outfall	Monitoring location	Monitoring location description
--	INF-001	At a location representative of the influent wastestream before the wastestream receives any treatment.
001	EFF-001	At a location representative of the final effluent, after all treatment processes, prior to discharge into the receiving water. (Latitude 18° 15' 45" N, Longitude 66° 34' 45" W)

PART III. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION

A. Reporting Requirements

1. **Standard Conditions.** The Permittee shall comply with all Standard Conditions in section IV.A below and Attachment B of this permit related to monitoring, reporting, and recordkeeping.
2. **Monitoring data submission.** The Permittee shall either submit monitoring data and other reports to EPA in hard copy form, or report electronically using NetDMR, a web-based tool that allows Permittees to electronically submit discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) and other required reports via a secure internet connection. Specific requirements regarding submittal of data and reports in hard copy form and for submittal using NetDMR are described below:
 - a. **Submittal of Reports in Hard Copy Form.** Hard copy DMR submittals must be submitted in accordance with Standard Condition 12.d. *Monitoring reports* in Attachment B of this permit. The Permittee will report the results for all monitoring specified in this permit. The Permittee shall submit monthly DMRs including the results of all required monitoring using EPA-approved test methods or other test methods specified in this permit as required by III.A.3. below. If the Permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 CFR subchapters N or O, the results of such monitoring must be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by EPA.
 - b. **Submittal of Reports Using NetDMR.** DMRs and reports submitted electronically to EPA must be done using NetDMR at <http://www.epa.gov/netdmr>. All reports required under the permit shall be submitted to EPA as an electronic attachment to the DMR. Once a Permittee submits DMRs and reports using NetDMR, it is not required to submit hard copies of DMRs or other reports to EPA and the EQB. However, Permittees shall continue to send hard copies of reports other than DMRs to the EQB until further notice from the EQB.
 - c. **Timing of submissions.** DMRs shall be submitted to EPA no later than the 28th day of the month following the completed reporting period. Monitoring results shall be summarized and reported on EPA DMR Form No. 3320-1, postmarked no later than the 28th day of the month following the completed monitoring period. The first report is due on **July 28, 2014**.
3. **Submission Requirements.** If submitting reports in hard copy form, DMRs must be signed and certified as required by Standard Condition 11. *Signatory requirements* in Attachment B of this permit. The Permittee shall submit the original signed DMR to 3.a below and duplicate signed copies and all other reports required in this permit to 3.b below:
 - a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 21st Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866
Attention: Compliance Assistance and Program Support Branch
 - b. Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board
P.O. Box 11488
Santurce, PR 00910
Attention: Water Quality Bureau
4. **Analytical Determinations.** The Permittee shall report the results on the DMR of analytical determinations for the presence of chemical constituents in a sample using the following reporting protocols:
 - a. Sample results greater than or equal to the ML must be reported as measured by the laboratory (i.e., the measured chemical concentration in the sample).
 - b. Sample results less than the ML must be reported as <ML, where the ML equals the ML reported by the laboratory.
 - c. Permittees are to instruct laboratories to establish calibration standards so that the ML value (or its equivalent if there is differential treatment of samples relative to calibration standards) is the lowest calibration standard. At no time is the Permittee to use analytical data derived from extrapolation beyond the lowest point of the calibration curve.
5. **Bacterial Monitoring.** For bacterial monitoring, the Permittee shall report on the DMR the calculated geometric mean and the percentage of individual samples that exceeded the single-sample maximum

criterion. The geometric mean must be calculated on the basis of five grab samples taken within the calendar month and as described in Attachment A. *Definitions* of this permit. The Permittee shall report on an attachment to the DMR the analytical results of each of the five individual sample measurements, the calculated geometric means using these individual samples, and the percentage of individual samples that exceed the single sample maximum criterion.

B. Compliance Determination

Compliance with effluent limitations contained in this permit will be determined as specified below:

1. **General.** Compliance with effluent limitations for priority pollutants must be determined using sample reporting protocols defined in section III. A and Attachment A. *Definitions*.
2. **Average Monthly Discharge Limitation (AML).** If the average or, when applicable, the median of daily discharges that were measured in a calendar month exceeds the AML for a given parameter, this will represent a single violation, though the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for each day of that month for that parameter (e.g., resulting in 31 days of noncompliance in a 31-day month). If only a single sample is taken during the calendar month and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the AML, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that calendar month. The Permittee will be considered out of compliance for only the days when the discharge occurs. For any one calendar month during which no sample (daily discharge) is taken yet sampling is required, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that calendar month.
3. **Average Weekly Discharge Limitation (AWL).** If the average or, when applicable, the median of daily discharges over a calendar week exceeds the AWL for a given parameter, this will represent a single violation, though the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for each day of that week for that parameter, resulting in 7 days of noncompliance. If only a single sample is taken during the calendar week and the analytical result for that sample exceeds the AWL, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that calendar week. The Permittee will be considered out of compliance for only the days when the discharge occurs. For any one calendar week during which no sample (daily discharge) is taken yet sampling is required, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that calendar week.
4. **Maximum Daily Discharge Limitation (MDL).** If a daily discharge exceeds the MDL for a given parameter, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that parameter for that 1 day only in the reporting period. For any one day during which no sample is taken yet a sampling is required, the Permittee will be considered out of compliance for that day.

PART IV. STANDARD AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Standard Conditions

1. Standard Conditions Applicable to All Facilities

- a. The Permittee shall comply with all Standard Conditions that apply to all NPDES permits in accordance with 40 CFR 122.41 (Attachment B of this permit), and additional conditions applicable to specific categories of facilities in accordance with 40 CFR 122.42.
- b. The Permittee shall comply with the Reopener Clause in Standard Condition 17. *Reopener clause for toxic effluent limitations*, in Attachment B of this permit, which applies to all NPDES permits in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(b). EPA reserves the right to revoke and reissue or modify this permit to establish effluent limitations, additional monitoring, schedules of compliance or other permit conditions based on new information, including any changes to the final Water Quality Certificate from EQB.

2. Standard Conditions Applicable to Specific Facilities—Notification Levels

Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify EPA as soon as they know or have reason to believe [40 CFR 122.42(a)]:

- a. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of any one of the following *notification levels* [40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)]:
 - 1) 100 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) [40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)(i)].

- 2) 200 µg/L for acrolein and acrylonitrile; 500 µg/L for 2,4 dinitrophenol and 2 methyl 4,6 dinitrophenol; and 1 milligrams per liter (mg/L) for antimony [40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)(ii)].
 - 3) Five times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the DMR [40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)(iii)].
 - 4) The level established by EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f) [40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)(iv)].
- b. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in this permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of any one of the following *notification levels* [40 CFR 122.42(a)(2)]:
- 1) 500 µg/L [40 CFR 122.42(a)(2)(i)].
 - 2) 1 mg/L for antimony [40 CFR 122.42(a)(2)(ii)].
 - 3) Ten times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the DMR [40 CFR 122.42(a)(2)(iii)].
 - 4) The level established by EPA in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f) [40 CFR 122.42(a)(2)(iv)].

B. Special Conditions

1. Special Conditions from the Water Quality Certificate

- a. No changes in the design or capacity of the treatment system will be permitted without the previous authorization of EQB. Prior to the construction of any additional treatment system or the modification of the existing one, the permittee shall obtain the approval from EQB of the engineering report, plans and specifications.
- b. The sampling point for Outfall 001 shall be labeled with an 18 inches per 12 inches (minimum dimension) sign that reads as follows: "Pumto de Muestreo para la Descarga 001".
- c. All water or wastewater treatment facilities, whether publicly or privately owned, must be operated by a person licensed by the Potable Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants Operators Examining Board of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- d. The EQB, by the issuance of the WQC, does not relieve the applicant from its responsibility to obtain additional permits or authorizations from EQB as required by law. The issuance of the WQC shall not be construed as an authorization to conduct activities not specifically covered in the WQC, which will cause water pollution as defined by the PRWQS.

2. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

This special condition shall not become effective until EQB has determined the applicability to the Second Unit Mamayes Ward School and has notified the Permittee and EPA, in writing, of the necessity to comply with this special condition.

a. Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

- 1) **Monitoring Frequency and Sample Type.** Not later than **<enter date 180 days after the EDP>**, the Permittee shall conduct quarterly acute toxicity tests on a 24-hour composite effluent sample. Acute toxicity test samples shall be collected for each point of discharge at the designated monitoring location for the effluent (i.e., downstream from the last treatment process and any in-plant flow return flows where a representative effluent sample can be obtained).
- 2) **Methods.** The acute toxicity tests shall be conducted in accordance with the EPA document, *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms* (EPA-821-R-02-012, Fifth Edition, 2002) and Table IA of 40 CFR Part 136. Tests shall provide a measure of the acute toxicity as determined by the effluent concentration that causes 50 percent mortality of the test organisms over a 48-hour period.

The tests must be static renewal tests. The acute toxicity tests shall provide a measure of the acute toxicity as determined by the effluent concentration that represents the LC₅₀. Test results shall be expressed in terms of the LC₅₀ and reported in TU_a on the monthly DMR, where TU_a = 100 / LC₅₀.

- If the acute WET test does not meet all test acceptability criteria as specified in the test method, the Permittee shall re-sample and re-test as soon possible, not to exceed 14 days following notification of invalid test results. Data from invalid and valid tests must be submitted in the Permittee's DMR.
- 3) **Test Species.** The test species shall be Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) and Cladocera (*Daphnia magna*).
 - 4) **Numeric Effluent Limitation or Trigger.** There is no acute WET effluent limitation for this discharge. *There is, however, an acute WET trigger of 0.3 TU_a.* The acute WET trigger is any one test greater than 0.3 TU_a (during the monthly reporting period). This permit requires additional toxicity testing if the acute WET limit or trigger is exceeded (see *Accelerated Toxicity Testing and TRE Initiation* of this part).
 - 5) **Dilution Allowance.** For this discharge, EQB has not authorized a mixing zone or dilution allowance for acute toxicity. The In-stream Waste Concentration (IWC) is 100% effluent for this discharge. A series of five dilutions, including the IWC of 100% effluent, and two reference toxicants (a positive and negative control) must be tested.
- b. **WET Notification Requirements.** The Permittee shall notify EPA within 48-hours after the receipt of test results exceeding the effluent limitation or monitoring trigger during regular or accelerated monitoring.
 - c. **Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Workplan.** Within 90 days after the effective date of this permit, the Permittee shall prepare and submit a TRE Workplan to EPA, which must include steps the Permittee intends to follow if toxicity is measured in the effluent. The workplan must include, at a minimum:
 - 1) A description of the investigation and evaluation techniques that would be used to identify potential causes and sources of toxicity, effluent variability, and treatment system efficiency.
 - 2) A description of methods for maximizing in-house treatment system efficiency, good housekeeping practices, and a list of all chemicals used in operations at the facility.
 - 3) Potential actions to be undertaken by the Permittee to investigate, identify, and correct the causes, and prevent the recurrence of toxicity.
 - 4) Identification of responsible persons/parties for conducting the TRE.
 - 5) Possible source reduction measures and pollution prevention measures opportunities to reduce toxicity.
 - d. **Accelerated Toxicity Testing and TRE Initiation.** If the discharge displays an acute or chronic toxicity result that exceeds the effluent limitation or trigger, the Permittee shall conduct six additional toxicity tests of the discharge using the same species and test method as that of the observed toxicity, every two weeks, over a 12 week period.
 - 1) Accelerated testing shall begin within 14 days of the Permittee's receipt of the test result exceeding the effluent limit or trigger. If none of the six additional toxicity tests exceeds the effluent limit or trigger, then the Permittee may return to its regular testing frequency. All accelerated laboratory test results shall be submitted to EPA and EQB within 30 days of receipt by the Permittee, as required in the Reporting of Toxicity Monitoring Results section below.
 - 2) If the result of any accelerated toxicity test for the discharge exceeds the effluent limit or trigger, the Permittee is in violation of this permit and must cease accelerated monitoring and initiate a TRE within 14 days of receipt of this test result to investigate the cause(s) of, and identify corrective actions to reduce or eliminate effluent toxicity. The TRE must use the same species and test method as that of the observed toxicity. The Permittee shall use the following EPA guidance manual to conduct the TRE: *Generalized Methodology for Conducting Industrial Toxicity Reduction Evaluations* (EPA-600-2-88-070, 1989).
 - 3) The Permittee may also use the following manuals for Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) to identify and abate the causes of toxicity:
 - a) *Toxicity Identification Evaluation: Characterization of Chronically Toxic Effluents, Phase I* (EPA-600-6-91-005F, 1992).
 - b) *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase II Toxicity Identification Procedures for Samples Exhibiting Acute and Chronic Toxicity* (EPA-600-R-92-080, 1993).

- c) *Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations, Phase III Toxicity Confirmation Procedures for Samples Exhibiting Acute and Chronic Toxicity* (EPA-600-R-92-081, 1993).
 - d) *Marine Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE): Phase I Guidance Document* (EPA-600-R-96-054, 1996).
- 4) The Permittee shall submit accelerated test results within 30 days after the Permittee's receipt of the laboratory reports for accelerated monitoring. Test results that were conducted because of accelerated monitoring may be used to satisfy the normal acute Toxicity Testing requirements above, provided that all requirements (including species, test type, frequency, timing, and sample requirements) are met.
- e. **Reporting of Toxicity Monitoring Results.** For any WET testing event, the Permittee shall report the WET results in TU_a or TU_c on the DMR for the month in which the toxicity test was conducted. In addition, a full laboratory report must be submitted to the addresses in Part III.A.3 of this permit as an attachment to the DMR, reported according to the test methods manual chapter on report preparation and test review, and must include, at a minimum, the following:
- 1) The acute WET toxicity results expressed in LC₅₀ and TU_a. For tests where the IWC is 100 percent effluent that does not result in a toxic response, the result shall be reported at <0.3 TU_a.
 - 2) The dates of sample collection and initiation of each toxicity test.
 - 3) The statistical methods used to calculate endpoints.
 - 4) The statistical output page, which includes the calculation of the percent minimum significant difference (PMSD).
 - 5) All results for effluent parameters monitored concurrently with the toxicity test(s).
 - 6) The results compared to the numeric toxicity effluent limitation or trigger.
 - 7) Progress reports on any TRE/TIE investigations.

Toxicity Reporting Table

Task	Due Date
Submit a TRE Workplan	<Enter EDP+90 days>
Submit WET Report for quarterly monitoring	<Enter monthly DMR due date> of every month
Submit WET Report for annual monitoring	<Enter monthly DMR due date> of every month
Notify Toxicity in Effluent	<48 hours of receipt of test results that exceed limit or trigger
Conduct Accelerated Monitoring	≤ 14 days of exceedance of limit or trigger
Submit Accelerated Monitoring Report	≤ 30 days of receipt of test results
Initiate a TRE	≤ 14 days of accelerated test results that exceed limit or trigger

- f. **Reopener Clause for Toxicity.** In accordance with 40 CFR Parts 122 and 124, this permit may be reopened to establish additional toxicity requirements to address toxicity in the effluent or receiving water, including other toxicity/treatability studies, effluent limitations or monitoring requirements.
3. **Best Management Practices and Pollution Prevention—Not applicable**
4. **Additional Special Conditions**
- a. **Biosolids (Sewage Sludge) Requirements**
 - 1) **General Biosolids Requirements**
 - a) All biosolids generated by the Permittee shall be used or disposed of in compliance with the applicable portions of the following:
 - i. 40 CFR Part 503—for biosolids that are land applied, placed in a surface disposal site (dedicated land disposal site, monofill, or sludge-only parcel at a municipal landfill), or incinerated.

- ii. 40 CFR Part 258—for biosolids disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill (with other material).
- iii. 40 CFR Part 257—for all biosolids use and disposal practices not covered under 40 CFR Parts 258 or 503.
- b) The regulation at 40 CFR Part 503, Subpart B (land application) sets requirements for biosolids that are applied for the purpose of enhancing plant growth or for land reclamation. The regulation at 40 CFR Part 503, Subpart C (surface disposal) sets requirements for biosolids that are placed on the land for the purpose of disposal, and 40 CFR Part 503, Subpart E, sets requirements for biosolids incinerated in a biosolids incinerator.
- c) The Permittee shall be responsible for assuring that all biosolids produced at its facility are used or disposed of in accordance with these rules, whether the Permittee uses or disposes of the biosolids itself or transfers the biosolids to another party for further treatment, use, or disposal. The Permittee shall be responsible for informing subsequent preparers, appliers, and disposers of the requirements that they must meet under these rules.
- d) The Permittee shall assure that haulers transporting biosolids off site for treatment, storage, use, or disposal take all necessary measures to keep the biosolids contained. All haulers must have spill cleanup procedures. If a spill of biosolids on land or into a body of water occurs, the Permittee shall notify the Point Sources Permits Division of the EQB's Water Quality Area in the following manner:
 - i. By telephone communication within a term no longer than 24 hours after the spill; (787) 767-8073.
 - ii. By letter, within a term no longer than 5 days after the spill, which must include the spill material, spill volume, and measures taken to prevent the spill material to gain access to any body of water. This special condition does not relieve the Permittee from its responsibility to obtain the corresponding permits from EQB's Solid Wastes Program and other state and federal agencies, if any.

2) Biosolids Monitoring Requirements

- a) The 40 CFR Part 503 requirements apply differently depending on the use or disposal practice followed by the Permittee and depends on the quality of the biosolids produced by the facility.
- b) Biosolids must be monitored for pollutant concentrations, pathogen reduction and vector attraction (land application and surface disposal) at the following frequency. This frequency is based on the volume of biosolids generated at the facility in dry metric tons per year:
 - i. less than 290 1/year
 - ii. 290 to less than 1,500 1/quarter (4/year)
 - iii. 1,500 to less than 15,000 1/60 days (6/year)
 - iv. equal to or greater than 15,000 1/month (12/year)

3) Biosolids Reporting Requirements

- a) **Annual Biosolids Report.** By February 19 of each year, the Permittee shall submit an annual report covering information and data collected during the previous calendar year to EPA and EQB at the address in Part d) of this section below. This report must contain the following:
 - i. Amount of sludge generated, in dry metric tons.
 - ii. Use or disposal practices.
 - iii. Amount of sludge that goes to each use or disposal practice (amount of sludge that goes to each use or disposal site, in dry metric tons).
 - iv. Name and address of the preparer or the person who receives sludge next (name and address of each preparer or person who receives sludge next), if applicable.
 - v. Name and address of the land applier and owner/operator of the surface disposal site, if different from the generator.

- vi. Analytical results from monitoring pollutant concentrations in sewage sludge which should include results of all analyses performed during the reporting period using the prescribed method(s) in milligrams per kilograms (mg/kg) dry weight. Reports should also indicate which analytical methods were used, how frequently sludge was monitored, and the types of samples collected. Preparers may have to report additional information regarding pollutants if they beneficially use or dispose of the sludge themselves.
 - vii. A certification and description of how the pathogen reduction requirements were met, including a detailed description of the pathogen treatment process that specifies the type of process used, standard operating procedures, and a schematic diagram. All pathogen density laboratory results (such as fecal coliform or salmonella), if monitored for must comply with pathogen reduction requirements.
 - viii. A description of how one of the vector attraction reduction requirements was met if one of the sludge processing options was used (Options 1-8, 40 CFR 503.33(b)(1) - (b)(8)) and a certification that the vector attraction reduction requirements were met.
 - ix. A listing of all relevant environmental (federal, state, or local) permits or construction approvals applied for or received.
- b) **Certification Statement.** The incinerator owner/operator of the sewage sludge incinerator should submit the signed certification statement (described in section H, page 17 of the *THC Continuous Emission Monitoring Guidance for Part 503 Sewage Sludge Incinerators*) as part of the Annual Biosolids Report. Specifically, the owner/operator in conjunction with the CEM manufacturer, if appropriate, should certify that the THC/CO CEM system is installed, operated, and maintained pursuant to the manufacturer's written instructions and recommendations, meets performance specification criteria, and is suitable for compliance evaluation purposes. The report must include the information in 40 CFR 503.47(b) through 40 CFR 503.47(h). The incinerator owner/operator of the sewage sludge incinerator should submit the 40 CFR Part 503 site-specific metals limits that are required to be determined as per 40 CFR 503.43.
- c) **MSW Landfill Disposal.** Preparers who send their sludge to a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill are required to submit the information indicated in 1) through 3) above, the name and address of each MSW landfill, in addition to submitting documentation that sludge quality is in compliance with 40 CFR Part 258 requirements (sludge is non-hazardous and passes the paint filter test).
- d) **Biosolids Reporting.** All reports must be submitted to:
- i. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
 290 Broadway, 20th Floor
 New York, NY 10007-1866
 Attention: Water Compliance Branch
 - ii. Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board
 P.O. Box 11488
 Santurce, PR 00910
 Attention: Water Quality Bureau
- e) **Biosolids Reporting Schedule.** All reports must be submitted according to the following table:

Biosolids Reporting Table

Task	Due date
If a spill of biosolids on land or into a body of water occurs	Telephone <24 hours after the spill and Letter <5 days after the spill
Annual Biosolids Report	February 19th of each year

ATTACHMENT A: DEFINITIONS

Acute Toxicity Test means any toxicity test designed to determine the concentration in which a response to a stimulus, such as a total effluent, specific substance or combinations of these, has sufficient severity to induce an adverse effect on a group of test organisms during a period of 96 hours or less; even if said effect is not necessarily the death of the organisms.

Acute Toxicity Unit (TU_a) means the reciprocal of the effluent concentration that causes 50 percent of the organisms to die in an acute toxicity test or induce a response halfway between the base line and maximum as defined by the following equation:

$$TU_a = 100 / (LC_{50})$$

(The LC₅₀ should be expressed in terms of the percent of effluent in the dilution water.)

Average Monthly Discharge Limitation (AML) means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month. [40 CFR 122.2]

Average Weekly Discharge Limitation (AWL) means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week. [40 CFR 122.2]

Best Management Practices (BMP) means the most effective practicable means of preventing or reducing the amount of pollution generated by nonpoint and point sources to a level more compatible to the water quality goals, including, but not limited to, structural and non-structural controls and operating and maintenance procedures. [40 CFR 122.2]

Biosolids means non-hazardous sewage sludge, as defined in 40 CFR Part 503.9. Sewage sludge that is hazardous, as defined in 40 CFR Part 261, must be disposed of in accordance with Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility as discussed in 13. Bypass of Attachment B of this permit. [40 CFR 122.41(m)]

Composite means a combination of individual (or continuously taken) samples obtained at regular intervals over the entire discharge day. The volume of each sample must be proportional to the discharge flow rate. For a continuous discharge, a minimum of 24 individual grab samples (at hourly intervals) must be collected and combined to constitute a 24-hour composite sample. For intermittent discharges of more than 4 hours duration, grab samples must be taken at a minimum of 30-minute intervals.

Chronic Toxicity Test means any toxicity test designed to determine the concentration in which a response to a stimulus, such as a total effluent, a specific substance, or combination of these, has sufficient severity to induce a long-term adverse effect on a group of test organisms. A chronic effect could be lethality, reduction of growth rate, reduction of reproduction rate, etc.

Chronic Toxicity Unit (TU_c) means the reciprocal of the effluent concentration that causes no observable effect on the test organisms by the end of the chronic exposure period obtained during a chronic toxicity test as defined by the following equation:

$$TU_c = 100 / NOEC$$

(The NOEC value should be expressed in terms of the percent of effluent in the dilution water.)

Critical Initial Dilution means the minimum dilution to be determined by means of the use of a mathematical model to be approved by EQB, and according to the procedures described in the *Mixing Zone and Bioassay Guidelines*, approved by EQB.

Daily Discharge is defined as either (1) the total mass of the constituent discharged over the calendar day (12:00 a.m. through 11:59 p.m.) or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents a calendar day for purposes of sampling (as specified in the permit), for a constituent with limitations expressed in units of mass; or (2) the unweighted arithmetic mean measurement of the constituent over the day for a constituent with limitations expressed in other units of measurement (e.g., concentration).

The daily discharge may be determined by the analytical results of a composite sample taken over the course of one day (a calendar day or other 24-hour period defined as a day) or by the arithmetic mean of analytical results from one or more grab samples taken over the course of the day. For composite sampling, if 1 day is defined as a 24-hour period other than a calendar day, the analytical result for the 24-hour period will be considered as the result for the calendar day in which the 24-hour period ends. [40 CFR 122.2]

Director means the *Regional Administrator* or the *State Director*, as the context requires, or an authorized representative. Until Puerto Rico has an approved state program authorized by EPA under 40 CFR Part 123, *Director* means the Regional Administrator. Following authorization, *Director* means the State Director. Even in such circumstances, EPA may retain authority to take certain action (see, for example, 40 CFR 123.1(d), 45 *Federal Register* 14178, April 1, 1983, on the retention of jurisdiction over permits EPA issued before program approval). If any condition of this permit requires the reporting of information or other actions to both the Regional Administrator and the State Director, regardless of who has permit issuing authority, the terms *Regional Administrator* and *State Director* will be used in place of *Director*. [40 CFR 122.2]

Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) means EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications, for the reporting of self-monitoring results by the Permittee. [40 CFR 122.2]

Geometric Mean means the n th root of the product of n numbers.

Grab means an individual sample collected in less than 15 minutes.

ICIS means EPA's Integrated Compliance Information System that provides web access to enforcement and compliance assurance data to EPA and state agencies.

Inhibition Concentration 25 (IC₂₅) means a point estimate of the effluent concentration that would cause a 25-percent reduction in a non-lethal (e.g., reproduction, growth) or lethal (mortality) biological measurement.

Lethal Concentration (LC₅₀) means the concentration of effluent, specific substances or combination of these that is lethal to 50 percent of test organisms exposed during a specific period in a toxicity test.

Lowest Observable Effects Concentration (LOEC) means the lowest concentration of an effluent or toxicant that results in adverse effects on the test organisms. That is, where the values for the observed endpoints are statistically different from the control.

Maximum Daily Discharge Limitation (MDL) means the highest allowable daily discharge of a pollutant, over a calendar day (or 24-hour period). For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the arithmetic mean measurement of the pollutant over the day.

Median is the middle measurement in a set of data. The median of a set of data is found by first arranging the measurements in order of magnitude (either increasing or decreasing order). If the number of measurements (n) is odd, the median = $X_{(n+1)/2}$. If n is even, the median = $(X_{n/2} + X_{(n/2)+1})/2$ (i.e., the midpoint between the $n/2$ and $n/2+1$).

Minimum Level (ML) is the concentration at which the entire analytical system must give a recognizable signal and acceptable calibration point. The ML is the concentration in a sample that is equivalent to the concentration of the lowest calibration standard analyzed by a specific analytical procedure, assuming that all the method-specified sample weights, volumes, and processing steps have been followed.

Mixing Zone is a limited volume of receiving water that is allocated for mixing with a wastewater discharge where water quality criteria can be exceeded without causing adverse effects on the overall water body.

Monthly means one day each month (the same day each month) and a normal operating day (e.g., the 2nd Tuesday of each month).

No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) means the highest tested concentration of an effluent or a toxicant at which no adverse effects are observed on the aquatic test organisms at a specific time of observation.

Not Detected (ND) are those sample results less than the ML.

Regional Administrator means the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 2 or the authorized representative of the Regional Administrator.

Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.

Toxic pollutant means any of the pollutants listed in 40 CFR 401.15 (45 *Federal Register* 44503, July 30, 1979) and any modification to that list in accordance with CWA section 307(a)(1). [40 CFR 122.2]

Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) is a study conducted in a step-wise process designed to identify the causative agents of effluent or ambient toxicity, isolate the sources of toxicity, evaluate the effectiveness of toxicity control options, and then confirm the reduction in toxicity. The first steps of the TRE consist of collecting data relevant to the toxicity, including additional toxicity testing, and evaluating facility operations and maintenance practices, and best management practices. A Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) may be required as part of the TRE, if appropriate. (A TIE is a set of procedures to identify the specific chemical(s) responsible for toxicity. These procedures are performed in three phases (characterization, identification, and confirmation) using aquatic organism toxicity tests.)

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are calculations of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can receive and still safely meet water quality standards. TMDLs are the sum of the individual wasteload allocations for point sources and load allocations for nonpoint sources and natural background. [40 CFR 130.2(i)]

Upset is an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation as discussed in 14. Upset of Attachment B of this permit. [40 CFR 122.41(n)]

Waters of Puerto Rico means all coastal waters, surface waters, estuarine waters, ground waters and wetland as defined in Puerto Rico Water Quality Standards Regulations, as amended.

Weekly means every seventh day (the same day of each week) and a normal operating day.

ATTACHMENT B: STANDARD CONDITIONS

General Conditions language in this attachment for sections 1 through 14, and 17 is based on the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) published on July 1, 2012. Reference to provisions in the *United States Code* (U.S.C.) is based on the date of permit issuance.

Table of Regulatory References for General Conditions

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>
1.	Duty to comply	40 CFR 122.41(a)
2.	Duty to reapply	40 CFR 122.41(b)
3.	Need to halt or reduce not a defense	40 CFR 122.41(c)
4.	Duty to mitigate	40 CFR 122.41(d)
5.	Proper operation and maintenance	40 CFR 122.41(e)
6.	Permit actions	40 CFR 122.41(f)
7.	Property rights	40 CFR 122.41(g)
8.	Duty to provide information	40 CFR 122.41(h)
9.	Inspection and entry	40 CFR 122.41(i)
10.	Monitoring and records	40 CFR 122.41(j)
11.	Signatory requirements	40 CFR 122.41(k)
12.	Reporting requirements	40 CFR 122.41(l)
13.	Bypass	40 CFR 122.41(m)
14.	Upset	40 CFR 122.41(n)
15.	Removed substances	33 U.S.C. 1311
16.	Oil and hazardous substance liability	33 U.S.C. 1321
17.	Reopener clause for toxic effluent limitations	40 CFR 122.44(b)(1)
18.	State laws	33 U.S.C. 1370
19.	Availability of information	33 U.S.C. 1318
20.	Severability	-

1. Duty to Comply [40 CFR 122.41(a)].

- a. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application.
- b. The Permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- c. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Clean Water Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Clean Water Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation (\$37,500 as adjusted by 40 CFR Part 19).
- d. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Clean Water Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Clean Water Act, is subject to criminal penalties of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation

of the Clean Water Act, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 2 years, or both.

- e. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Clean Water Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Clean Water Act, is subject to criminal penalties of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation of the Clean Water Act, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 6 years, or both.
 - f. Any person who knowingly violates sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Clean Water Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. A person which is an organization, as defined at 33 U.S.C. 309(c)(3)(B)(iii), shall, upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation of the Clean Water Act, the maximum punishment shall be doubled with respect to both fine and imprisonment.
 - g. Any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained under the Clean Water Act or who knowingly falsifies, tampers with, or renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this chapter, shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction, under this paragraph, punishment shall be by a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.
 - h. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Administrator for violating sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation (\$16,000 as adjusted by 40 CFR Part 19), with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000 (\$37,500 as adjusted by 40 CFR Part 19). Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues (\$16,000 as adjusted by 40 CFR Part 19), with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000 (\$177,500 as adjusted by 40 CFR Part 19).
2. Duty to Reapply [40 CFR 122.41(b)]. This permit and the authorization to discharge shall terminate on the expiration date indicated on the first page. In order to receive authorization to discharge after the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee shall apply for and obtain a new permit. If the permit issuing authority remains the EPA, the Permittee shall complete, sign, and submit an application to the Regional Administrator no later than 180 days before the expiration date.
 3. Need to Halt or Reduce not a Defense [40 CFR 122.41(c)]. It shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
 4. Duty to Mitigate [40 CFR 122.41(d)]. The Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
 5. Proper operation and maintenance [40 CFR 122.41(e)]. The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a Permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
 6. Permit actions [40 CFR 122.41(f)]. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated during its term pursuant to 40 CFR Part 122, Subpart D. The filing of a request by the Permittee for a permit

modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

7. Property rights [40 CFR 122.41(g)]. This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges.
8. Duty to provide information [40 CFR 122.41(h)]. The Permittee shall furnish to the Director, within a reasonable time, any information which the Director may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Director, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.
9. Inspection and Entry [40 CFR 122.41(i)]. The Permittee shall allow the Director, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the Administrator), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
 - a. Enter upon the Permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
 - b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
 - c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
 - d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.
10. Monitoring and records [40 CFR 122.41(j)].
 - a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
 - b. Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the Permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years (or longer as required by 40 CFR Part 503), the Permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Director at any time.
 - c. Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - 1) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - 2) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - 3) The date(s) analyses were performed;
 - 4) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - 5) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - 6) The results of such analyses.
 - d. Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 and any subsequent changes to the methods contained therein unless another method is required under 40 CFR subchapters N or O.
 - e. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or by both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four years, or both. [See U.S.C. 1319(c)(4)].
11. Signatory requirements [40 CFR 122.41(k)]. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified. (See 40 CFR 122.22)
 - a. Applications. All permit applications shall be signed as follows:

- 1) For a corporation. By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

Note: EPA does not require specific assignments or delegations of authority to responsible corporate officers identified in 40 CFR 122.22(a)(1)(i). EPA will presume that these responsible corporate officers have the requisite authority to sign permit applications unless the corporation has notified the Director to the contrary. Corporate procedures governing authority to sign permit applications may provide for assignment or delegation to applicable corporate positions under 40 CFR 122.22(a)(1)(ii) rather than to specific individuals.

- 2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship. By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
 - 3) For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency. By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes: a) The chief executive officer of the agency, or b) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of EPA).
- b. All reports required by permits, and other information requested by the Director shall be signed by a person described in paragraph 11.a of Part II.B, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
- 1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph 11.a;
 - 2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.) and,
 - 3) The written authorization is submitted to the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, Attention: Compliance Assistance Program Support Branch, and to EQB.
- c. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under paragraph 11.b of Part II.B is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph 11.b of Part II.B must be submitted to the Director prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- d. Certification. Any person signing a document under paragraph 11.a or 11.b of Part II.B shall make the following 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 qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate 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 am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.
- e. The Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon

conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both. If a conviction is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment shall be by a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four years, or both. (See CWA section 309.c.4).

12. Reporting Requirements [40 CFR 122.41(l)].

- a. Planned changes. The Permittee shall give notice to the Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
 - 1) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b);
 - 2) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under paragraph 4.a of Part I.B (40 CFR 122.42(a)(1)); or
 - 3) The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the Permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
- b. Anticipated noncompliance. The Permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- c. Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Director. The Director may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the Permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Clean Water Act. (See 40 CFR 122.61; in some cases, modification or revocation and reissuance is mandatory.)
- d. Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in Part III of this permit.
 - 1) Monitoring results shall be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Director for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
 - 2) If the Permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 CFR subchapters N or O, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Director.
 - 3) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Director in the permit.
- e. Compliance Schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.
- f. Twenty four hour reporting.
 - 1) The Permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances to EPA Region 2, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division at (787) 977-5870 and State Director. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.
 - 2) The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.
 - a) Any unanticipated bypass (see 13 below) which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit. [See 40 CFR 122.41(g)].

- b) Any upset (see 14 below) which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
 - c) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Director in the permit to be reported within 24 hours. (See 40 CFR 122.44(g)).
- 3) The Director may waive the written report on a case by case basis for reports under paragraph 12.f.(2) of Part II.B if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
- g. Other noncompliance. The Permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs 12.d, e, and f of Part II.B, at the time the monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph 12.f of Part II.B.
 - h. Other information. Where the Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Director, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.
13. Bypass [40 CFR 122.41(m)].
- a. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The Permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs 13.b. and 13.c of Part II.B.
 - b. Notice.
 - 1) Anticipated bypass. If the Permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.
 - 2) Unanticipated bypass. The Permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph 12.f of Part II.B (24-hour notice).
 - c. Prohibition of bypass.
 - 1) Bypass is prohibited, and the Director may take enforcement action against a Permittee for bypass, unless:
 - a) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - b) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 - c) The Permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 13.b of Part II.B.
 - 2) The Director may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph 13.b.(1) of Part II.B.
14. Upset [40 CFR 122.41(n)].
- a. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph 14.(b) of Part II.B are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
 - b. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A Permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - 1) An upset occurred and that the Permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - 2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
 - 3) The Permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph 12.f.(2)(b) of Part II.B (24 hour notice); and
 - 4) The Permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph 4 of Part II.B (duty to mitigate).

- c. **Burden of proof.** In any enforcement proceeding the Permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.
15. **Removed substances** (33 U.S.C. 1311). Pursuant to section 301 of the Clean Water Act, solids, sludges, filter backwash or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters and/or the treatment of intake waters shall be disposed of in a manner such as to prevent any pollutant from such materials from entering navigable waters. The following data shall be reported together with the monitoring data required in paragraph 2 of Part I.B:
 - a. The sources of the materials to be disposed of;
 - b. The approximate volumes and weights;
 - c. The method by which they were removed and transported; and
 - d. Their final disposal locations.
16. **Oil and hazardous substance liability** (33 U.S.C. 1321). The imposition of responsibilities upon, or the institution of any legal action against the Permittee under CWA section 311 shall be in conformance with regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 311 to discharges from facilities with NPDES permits.
17. **Reopener clause for toxic effluent limitations** [40 CFR 122.44(B)(1)]. Other effluent limitations and standards under CWA sections 301, 302, 303, 307, 318 and 405. If any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under CWA section 307(a) for a toxic pollutant and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in the permit, the Director shall institute proceedings under these regulations to modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the toxic effluent standard or prohibition. See also 40 CFR 122.41(a).
18. **State laws** (33 U.S.C. 1370). Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by CWA section 510. The issuance of this permit does not preempt any duty to obtain state or local assent required by law for the discharge.
19. **Availability of information** (33 U.S.C. 1318). (CWA section 308)
 - a. NPDES permits, effluent data, and information required by NPDES application forms provided by the Director under 40 CFR 122.21 (including information submitted on the forms themselves and any attachments used to supply information required by the forms) shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Regional Administrator and State Director.
 - b. In addition to the information set forth in subsection a., any other information submitted to EPA in accordance with the conditions of this permit shall be made available to the public without further notice unless a claim of business confidentiality is asserted at the time of submission in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 2 (Public Information).
 - c. If a claim of confidentiality is made for information other than that enumerated in subsection a., that information shall be treated in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 2. Only information determined to be confidential under those procedures shall not be made available by EPA for public inspection.
20. **Severability.** The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.



Summary Central Roig

Gonzalez Contractors Power Corps (GCPC), got the contract with Autoridad de Tierras (PRLA) for the dismantling of several facilities at Central Roig in Yabucoa, Puerto Rico. By September 2013, we had submitted a work plan ("plan de trabajo") to the PRLA, which included dismantling two (2) tanks, two (2) cranes and seven (7) steel warehouses located near the central building. Before commencing the project, we met with PRLA representative, Mr. Alberto Ramos, and a representative of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mr. Carlos Rivera, during the month of September. The meeting took place at Central Roig. At the meeting, we discussed our work plan with both gentlemen and we agreed that we would formally present the work plan in writing to the PRLA before starting the project. Exhibit I.

During the last week of September we (GCPC) started to move our machines and other equipment on to the premises of Central Roig. Upon our arrival at the facility, we were confronted by members of the community who impeded our entrance to the premises, arguing that they did not want the structures to be demolished. As a result, we (GCPC) contacted the PRLA (counsel Rafael Espasa) and the municipality of Yabucoa (Mayor Rafael Surillo), both of whom intervened and agreed with the community to celebrate a meeting in order to discuss the preservation of part of the facilities. The meeting with members of the community, the PRLA (Salvador Ramirez) and the municipality of Yabucoa (Rafael Surillo) took place the following week.

During the first week of October, we were told by the PRLA (counsel Rafael Espasa) to start the implementation of our work plan. When we (GCPC) inspected the tanks, we discovered that there was still some oil inside which had not been removed. We notified PRLA (counsel Espasa) about the presence of oil inside the tanks and were told to skip the dismantling of the tanks for the moment and to continue on to the next phase of our work plan. At this point we commenced the dismantling of the warehouses, as stated in the work plan which was delivered to PRLA before starting our operations. Exhibit 1. Throughout the entire process, the PRLA informed us that the site was free of hazardous materials and toxic waste, specifically asbestos, and had been certified as such. This information was provided by counsel Espasa and GCPC environmental advisor James Rodriguez. However, we were not provided with the corresponding certification until 7 February 2014.

We completed the dismantling of five (5) of the warehouses and loaded the steel in containers in accordance with our work plan. However, after five weeks into the project, we were visited by EPA representatives (Carlos Rivera). This person gave us the order to stop operations. Three days later, an EPA representative returned to the facility (Ángel Rodríguez, Carlos Rivera and a third person). We met with the EPA representative and they informed us of the presence of asbestos in some parts of roofing sheets of the warehouses. This was contrary to what had been represented to us by the PRLA.

We approached the EPA representative (Ángel Rodríguez) to petition him to permit us to extract the steel that had already been dismantled and processed, and he said that the EPA would consider the petition. At that stage, we had already processed about twenty-five (25) steel containers and four (4) stainless steel containers. The approximate value of these

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is estimated at around two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00). Our inability to extract the processed steel has caused an loss of income for GCPC, has unbalanced our finances and has placed us in a precarious economic position. It is important to state that according to our environmental advisor, James Rodriguez and the PRLA (counsel Espasa), the facilities at Central Roig had been decontaminated at least since 1989/1990. In addition, according to the contractual agreement between GCPC and the PRLA, GCPC is not liable or responsible for the presence of, neither does it have a duty to clean up, any remains of asbestos allegedly present on the premises of Central Roig, Yabucoa.

Enclosed you will find additional documents which are important to review: The Tank Removal Work Plan, dated September 2013. Before initiating the operations at Central Roig, GCPC was assured by James Rodriguez and counsel Espasa that this site was free of asbestos and/or other toxic or hazardous materials, with the exception of the oil detected in the tanks to be removed.

After the EPA intervened and ordered the detention of the project, we sought legal advice. Our lawyers established communication with the legal advisor of the PRLA starting on 17 January 2014 and also request an extension of time in order to answer the EPA's information request (letter dated 21 January 2014). The PRLA produced a full set of documents to our lawyers on 7 February 2014, pursuant to a letter which was sent by our lawyers on 28 January 2014. Exhibit 2.

The undersigned believes there are some misunderstandings in the answers provided by the Executive Director of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Lands Authority (PRLA), Hon. Salvador Ramirez Cardona, which shall be clarify in a meeting with the agency (EPA).

There are no apparent discrepancies regarding answers 1 to 5 provided by the PRLA letter, dated January 17, 2014. However, a **Tank Removal Work Plan** was submitted to the PRLA since September 2013 which contains part of the information requested by the EPA in question number 6. Any information regarding asbestos removal are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter).

Question number 6: Answer: On September 30, 2013 GCPC enter the facility of Central Roig in order to execute the contract signed with the PRLA; On October 1, 2013 GCPC started dismantling a crane and a water tank; October 3, 2013 GCPC started dismantling a warehouse with no roof and on October 4, 2014 GCPC continued dismantling the water tank and a second warehouse; October 7 and 8, GCPC was still working on dismantling the second warehouse; October 11, GCPC was dismantling the third warehouse located in a corner of the site; October 21, GCPC was dismantling the fourth warehouse. There was only one warehouse excluded from dismantling due to the presence of hazardous materials according to the information provided by the environmental advisor of the PRLA, Alberto Ramos.

From the material demolished and stored in containers, 20 containers approximately are still in the site, Central Roig and approximately 9 containers were shipped to Taiwan.



Question number 7: From the list of sources identified in Question 1 clearly identify (if known) each affected facility, as define in 40 C.F.R. Sec. 61.145, which commenced demolition and/or renovation for the period beginning in year 2008 and so on.

Any information regarding asbestos removal are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter).

a. GCPC can only make reference to the structures in which demolition was commenced without making any specific statement regarding the alleged presence of asbestos.

b. This information is of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig)

c. This information is of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig)

Question number 8: Regarding the asbestos containing materials please provide the following information:

Any information regarding asbestos removal are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter).

a. This information is of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig)

b. This information is of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig)

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e. This information is of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig)

The GCPC could only specify the locations where the dismantled structures were placed, without making any specific statement regarding the alleged presence of asbestos.

Question number 9: Provide a copy of all contracts, and any amendments thereto, related to the Facility and entered by and/or the Parties and/or any other contractors related to the above mentioned activities that had taken place at the Facility.

We refer to the contract. (Attachment 4, PRLA letter). GCPC was not hired in order to deal with the removal or cleaning process of facilities or sites containing asbestos.

Question number 10: Attach copies of all signed waste shipment record which have been prepared in connection with the disposal of asbestos-containing waste material from the Facility.

Any information regarding asbestos removal and/or shipping are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter).

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Question number 11: Please provide copies of any record and information of any disposal site (name of facility, address, contact information, etc.) that the parties have used to transfer materials from the Facility.

The demolition process was halted by the EPA, therefore there are no disposal sites used by GCPC. Any information regarding asbestos removal are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter).

Question number 12: If ACM was not removed from the Facility prior to demolition activities, state the reason why, and provide an explanation of the work practices used to demolish and/or renovate the Facility with ACM in place; an explanation on the methods used to dispose of all building debris; and the name of the contractors or subcontractors who supervised the activity.

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Any information regarding asbestos removal are of the concern of the PRLA (owner and operator of Central Roig) according to the contract (Attachment 4, PRLA letter). GCPC was not notified of any presence of asbestos in the site, therefore it was not hired to deal with materials containing asbestos.

We herein submit this statement under oath.

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Gustavo Casaldud Torres
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Santiago González Rivera
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Affidavit No.: 5838

Sworned and signed before me by Gustavo Casaldud Torres and Santiago González Rivera of legal age, residents of Utuado, contractors and the above stated personal circumstances, and representatives of GCPC whom I personally know.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 15 day of April, 2014.

Felipe Quej
Notary Public



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