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PEÑUELAS, P.R. 00624

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

The Municipality of Peñuelas (Peñuelas) as an owner and operator of a Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4) submits this application for coverage under the NPDES Permit PRR040000 issued on November 6, 2006 by the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

This application follows the format provided in the document "**NPDES Permit Application Form Regulated Small Municipal MS4s in EPA's Jurisdiction within Puerto Rico**" issued by the USEPA on February 2003.

- 1) Peñuelas represented by its mayor, Honorable Walter Torres Maldonado, operates a municipal separate storm sewer system located Peñuelas, Puerto Rico. Peñuelas Municipality, Peñuelas, is located to the southern coast of Puerto Rico. Approximately one third of Peñuelas and extension is defined by EPA as an urbanized area based on the 2000 Census. See EPA's urbanized areas reference maps on Attachment I.
- 2) Operator's General Information:
 - Name: Municipality of Peñuelas
 - Representative: Honorable Walter Torres Maldonado, Mayor
 - Mailing Address: P.O Box 10 Peñuelas, P.R. 00624

¹ XC: Eng. Sergio Bosques

Location of representative's office: Major Office, Downtown Peñuelas

- Telephone numbers: (787) 836-1218
- Bordering Municipalities: Adjuntas Municipality to the north, Ponce Municipality to the east, Guayanilla Municipality to the west, and the Caribbean Sea to the south.

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

4) Peñuelas is a government public entity under the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, its primary administrative contact is:

- Eng. Sandra Ruperte, Directora Ordenacion Territorial, SWMP Coordinator
- Mailing Address: PO Box 10 Peñuelas, PR 00624
- Location of representative's office: Major Office, downtown Peñuelas.
- Telephone numbers: (787) 836-1136, 787-349-1436
- Email address: mpordenterritorial@yahoo.com, municipiopenuelas@yahoo.com
- Peñuelas major has identified the following SWMP team:

Name	Position	Phone/email
Mr. Carlos Maldonado	Special Assistant	787-836-1361/1440 ommepenuelas@yahoo.com
Eng. Sandra Ruperté	Land Planning Director – SWMP Coordinator	787-349-1436 mpordenterritorial@yahoo.com
Mr. Jose M Feliciano	OSHA Coordinator	787-934-3534 jfeliciano08@yahoo.com
Mrs. Neyssa Garcia	Public Relations	mgarciatoucet@gmail.com
Mr. Luis A. Arroyo Santos	Recycling Program Supervisor	787-836-1515
Mr. José A. Quirindongo	Public Cleaning Supervisor	787-836-1515/836-1535 Fax: 787-836-5602
Mrs. Maricelly López	Youth Office Supervisor	787-836-1136
Mr. Angel M Feliciano Pérez	Public Works Supervisor	787-836-1136

5) Peñuelas does not generate, treats, or disposed hazardous waste; has no permit under the Resource Conservation or Recovery Act. The municipality does not own or operate a waste water treatment unit or a potable water plant; has not NPDES Permit.

6) Attachment II of this Notice of Intent Application includes a topographic map of the municipality, extending 1 mile beyond the property boundaries. The map locates the surface water bodies and main roads.

Three rivers run through Peñuelas Municipality; Macaná, Tallaboa, and Guayanés rivers. The first runs approximately seven (7) miles. Tallaboa river runs about 14 miles and is nourished by the Guayanés river. Another body of water present in Peñuelas is the Caribbean Sea, which borders the southern perimeter of the municipality. In terms of topography, Peñuelas belongs to the coastal southern plains, but the municipality northern area belongs to the Central mountain range. In these areas, Macana and Barreal wards, elevations over 800 meters above mean sea level are experienced.

7) Peñuelas Municipality has an estimated population of 26,719 persons, population density is 228 persons per squared kilometer (594 persons per square mile) based on the 2000 Census. Peñuelas is composed of 13 wards. The population at each of the wards is as follows:

Ward	Population*
Barreal	267
Coto	1,244
Cuebas	430
Encarnación	1,344
Jaguas	2,662
Macaná	826
Peñuelas Town	1,609
Quebrada Ceiba	5,345
Rucio	1,124
Santo Domingo	6,792
Tallaboa Alta	4,037
Tallaboa Poniente	697
Tallaboa Saliente	342
Total	26,719

* As per 2000 Census

- 8) Peñuelas Municipality serves approximately 17.0 sq km / 45.0 sq mi
- 9-11) A description of the preliminary measurable goals for each of the six minimum controls to be established as part of Peñuelas Storm Water Management Program (SWMP) is included as part of Attachment III of this application. It also included a general schedule for Best Management Practices implementation and frequency of the action; as well as person(s) responsible for implementation. Also a general description of Peñuelas Storm Water Management Program will be provided.

At the date of this submission, the program is under the development process. When the SWMP is completed it will be certified and submitted to USEPA for review.

CERTIFICATION

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that a qualified personnel properly gather and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I'm aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."



Honorable Walter Torres Maldonado

Mayor

May 7, 2008

Date

ATTACHMENTS