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Mr. Jeffrey C. Harlow  
Western Vieques Remedial Project Manager  
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Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic  
Environmental Division 6506 Hampton Blvd  
Norfolk VA 23508-1278

Re: Remedial Investigation and  
Removal Action at Area of  
Concern (AOC) R, Former  
Naval Ammunition Support  
Detachment (NASD),  
Vieques, PR

Dear Mr. Harlow:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 2005, requesting our concurrence with your determination that the above mentioned action will not affect threatened and endangered species. Our comments are provided under the Endangered Species Act (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 United States Code 1531 et seq.).

Based on the description of the project, the habitat characteristics, and the information provided in the Conservation Measures section of your letter, we concur with the determination that the proposed activities will not affect sea turtle species (*Dermochelys coriacea*, *Eretmochelys imbricata* and *Chelonia mydas*), brown pelicans (*Pelecanus occidentalis occidentalis*) and roseate terns (*Sterna dougalii*); and we believe that the proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect *Stahlia monosperma*. Should additional information on listed or proposed species become available, this determination may be reconsidered.

If you have any questions, please call Marelisa Rivera at 787-851-7297 extension 231.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin E. Muñoz  
Field Supervisor  
Caribbean Field Office