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Dear Mr. Penny:

The Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (EQB) reviewed the *Draft Final Expanded Range Assessment and Phase 1 Site Inspection Work Plan for VNTR, Vieques Island, PR*, dated July 2004. The review of this document was greatly enhanced by the involvement of our consultant as member of the Munitions Response Program Subcommittee. This subcommittee allowed us the participation in several informal reviews of the document and the opportunity to make suggestions that were incorporated into the document. In addition, all of our formal comments that were previously submitted were accepted and incorporated into the document.

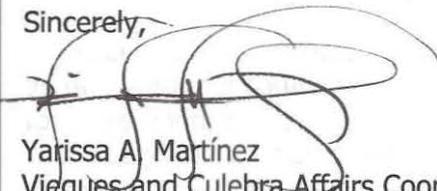
Due to this collaboration, all major differences were addressed and resolved. However there are some minor observations, which are explained above:

1. The document references several times that the results of the Phase 1 SI will be used to prioritize sites "in accordance with guidance provided in the DoD Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol" (for example, see Page 1-2). We agree with these statements, however, it is understood that the MR Site Prioritization Protocol may be modified by the VNTR CTC to make it more applicable to the specific requirements of VNTR.

2. On Form 2-1 (Appendix C) it is recommended that they insert a place to record the identification numbers and locations of any photographs that are taken of MEC or other items of interest.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (787) 365-8573.

Sincerely,

  
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