



The Governor of Puerto Rico

June 30, 2000

Kevin P. Green
Rear Admiral, United States Navy
Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
FPO AA 34099-6004

**Re: Identification of Uncontaminated and Potentially-Contaminated Property;
Naval Ammunition Support Detachment [NASD];
Vieques, Puerto Rico**

Dear Admiral Green:

This letter is submitted pursuant to the requirements of Section 120 of the *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act* [CERCLA].

Pursuant to CERCLA, as well as to an EXECUTIVE ORDER (issued by the President of the United States) which directs the United States to transfer certain property situated in the western portion of the Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico to the Government of Puerto Rico on or before December 31, 2000, the United States Navy ["the Navy"] has evaluated said property and has identified approximately 7,879 acres of Naval Ammunition Support Detachment [NASD] real property that is to be transferred to the Government of Puerto Rico. Pursuant to Section 120 of CERCLA, the Navy -- upon evaluating existing records -- has identified 7,389 acres of this property as being **uncontaminated** and 490 acres as being **potentially contaminated**. On June 23, 2000, the Navy submitted to the Government of Puerto Rico a report which contains the results of the aforementioned evaluation. This report is not based on any actual sampling. Actual sampling might identify contamination resulting from Navy activities on some of the property currently identified as **uncontaminated**.

Pursuant to Section 120 of CERCLA, the Navy will investigate the **potentially contaminated** terrain and undertake any remediation required to protect public health and the environment. Pursuant to Section 120 of CERCLA, the Navy will also remain responsible for any contamination of the 7,389 acres of property identified by the Navy as **uncontaminated** if, after the transfer of the property, contamination resulting from the actions of the United States is detected on the property. These obligations of the United States shall be placed in the deed for the property.

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Pursuant to Section 120 of CERCLA, the Government of Puerto Rico concurs in the Navy's identification of **potentially contaminated** property and **uncontaminated** property. This concurrence is submitted to meet the requirements of Section 120 of CERCLA and is subject to the additional provisions of Section 120 which provide that the United States will remain responsible for any contamination caused by its activities on the entire property to be conveyed.

The Government of Puerto Rico appreciates the Navy's cooperation and looks forward to the transfer of the property in question.

Sincerely,



Pedro Rosselló
Governor of Puerto Rico