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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
Mr. Timothy Gordon  
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Subj: NOTICE OF NEWLY DISCOVERED RELEASE, NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO RICO, EPA  
I.D. NUMBER PR2170027203, CEIBA, PUERTO RICO

Dear Mr. Gordon:

In accordance with Section VIII, Paragraph 26, of the Resource Conservation and Recover Act (RCRA) 7003 Administrative Order on Consent for Naval Activity Puerto Rico (NAPR), the Navy hereby notifies the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 2 that a newly discovered release of potential hazardous constituents has been identified at NAPR. Specific information regarding subject release is as follows:

- **Description of the release:** The release is likely from former Navy operations associated with the launching of drones used as targets for training exercises. The drones were launched from 3 different launch pads and were propelled by jet assisted takeoff rockets.
- **Location:** Cabras Island. While owned by the United States Coast Guard, the Navy used Cabras Island under a licensed agreement it had with the Coast Guard. Cabras Island is contiguous to NAPR (see enclosed map).
- **Basis for determining that a release has occurred:** These operations were originally reported to the Navy by a Restoration Advisory Board member. Based on this information, the Navy conducted an Environmental Condition of Property (ECP) investigation for Cabras Island. The ECP identified a likely release.
- **Media impacted by the release:** Surface soil.
- **Specific hazardous constituents suspected to have been released:** Metals and semi-volatile organic compounds.
- **New or existing site and basis for this determination:** New site. No solid waste management units or area of concerns are currently in the vicinity of the release.
- **Response actions currently underway, and planned for the near future:** The Navy has completed an ECP investigation and report for Cabras Island, and is currently contracting with Baker Environmental for the development and implementation of a Phase I RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Work Plan to conduct further studies. The results of the Phase I RFI investigation will be presented in a Phase I RFI Report. Both the work plan and the report will be submitted to U.S. EPA and Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board for review and comment.

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If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (843) 743-2124 or by email at [mark.e.davidson@navy.mil](mailto:mark.e.davidson@navy.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Davidson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Davidson" clearly legible.

MARK E. DAVIDSON  
BRAC Environmental Coordinator

Encl: (1) Cabras Island, Puerto Rico Locator Map

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EPA Region 2 (Dale Carpenter)

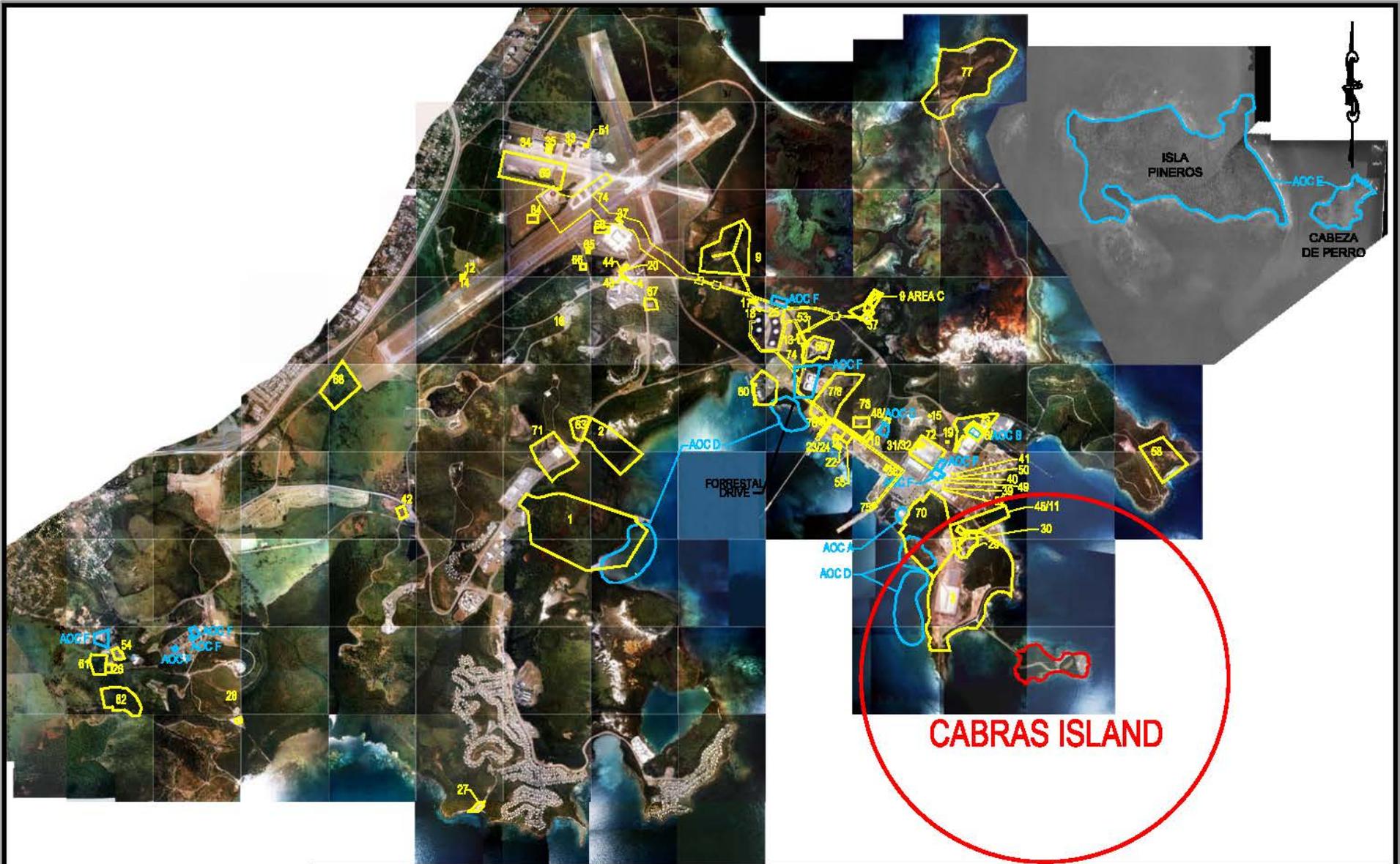
EPA Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (Carl Soderberg)

PREQB (Julio I. Rodríguez Colón, Wilmarie Rivera, Gloria Toro-Agrait)

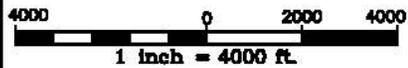
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**LEGEND**  
**CABRAS**

-  - SWMUs
-  - AOCs
-  - AREA TO WHICH THIS INVESTIGATION PERTAINS
-  - 1 MILE RADIUS

**FIGURE 5-1**  
**NAPR SWMU/AOC LOCATION MAP**  
**CABRAS ISLAND**  
**PHASE I/II ECP REPORT**  
**NAVAL ACTIVITY PUERTO RICO**