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October 26, 2005

Mr. Christopher Penny  
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Re: Initiation of Rock Removal from AOC F (Rock Quarry) for Road Repairs,  
Vieques, Puerto Rico.

Dear Mr. Penny:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) has completed its review of the *Final Operational Plan for Removal of Rock Material from AOC F to be Used as Roadbed Materials* submitted on February 4, 2005, and your letter regarding *Initiation of Rock Removal from AOC F (Rock Quarry) for Road Repairs, Vieques, Puerto Rico*, dated October 12, 2005.

As a matter of clarification, EPA has requested in past CERCLA Technical Committee meetings that the samples collected, as part of the sampling plan for the removal of rock from AOC F, be analyzed for the Target Analyte List (TAL) metals and not the list of RCRA metals as you stated in the October 12, 2005 letter.

Based on the information provided, EPA has determined that the Final Operational Plan is acceptable with the inclusion of the analysis for TAL, instead of the analysis of inorganics using the TCLP methods or the RCRA Appendix IX inorganics. Please revise the Proposed Screening and Sampling Plan and the Contingency Plan sections in the *Final Operational Plan for Removal of Rock Material from AOC F to be Used as Roadbed Materials*, Technical Memorandum, to reflect the inclusion of analysis for TAL inorganics. EPA approval on the Final Operational Plan would be on an interim basis, pending the final determination of whether further actions are required for AOC F.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (787) 741-5201.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Rodriguez', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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