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Re: Atlantic Fleet Weapons Training Area Federal Facility Agreement (Vieques)

Dear Sirs and Madame:

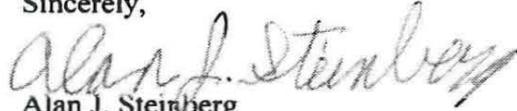
I am writing to provide notice to you as representatives of the Parties to the above-referenced Federal Facility Agreement (Agreement) that the Agreement is legally effective. Consistent with paragraph 34.1 of the Agreement, after it was executed by signatories for all Parties, on September 27, 2007 EPA announced the availability of the Agreement to the public for its review and comment. EPA accepted comments from the public for more than forty-five days, through November 13, 2007. EPA thereafter transmitted copies of the nine comments it received during the comment period to the other Parties to the Agreement. After a review of the comments, EPA, in consultation with the other Parties to the Agreement, prepared a responsiveness summary which responded to the comments which were provided. After a review of the comments and the responsiveness summary, the Parties agree that the Agreement shall be made effective without any modification.

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Paragraph 34.2 of the Agreement requires EPA to transmit a copy of the signed Agreement to the other Parties (which was already provided to the Parties in September of 2007) and to notify the other Parties in writing that the Agreement is effective. This letter serves as that notice. The effective date of the Agreement is the date of receipt by Navy of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan J. Steinberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Alan J. Steinberg
Regional Administrator

cc: Donald Schregardus - U.S. Navy
David Shepherd - U.S. Navy