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STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE  
Office of the Governor

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Mr. Christopher T. Penny, P.E.  
Eastern Vieques Remedial Project Manager  
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**SHPO: 11-08-05-01 ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS: SOIL SAMPLES AT APPROXIMATELY 29 BACKGROUND LOCATIONS ACROSS THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE FORMER VNTR AND AT EIGHT PI/PAOC SITES WITHIN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE FORMER VNTR, VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO**



Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Penny:

Our Office has received and reviewed the above referenced project in accordance with Section 106 of the *National Historic Preservation Act of 1966* (Public Law 102-575), as amended, and *36 CFR Part 800: Protection of Historic Properties* from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) is to advise and assist federal agencies when identifying historic properties, assessing effects upon them, and considering alternatives to avoid or reduce the project's effects on them.

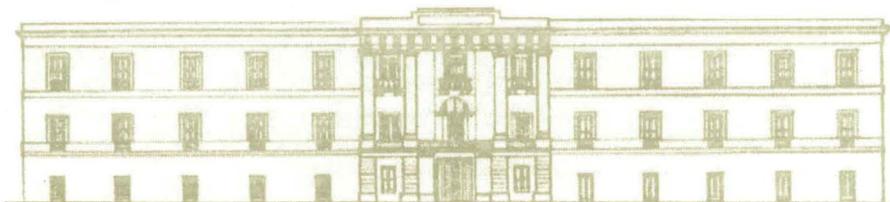
Our records support your finding that **no historic properties** are located within the project's area of potential effects.

Please note that should the Agency discover other historic properties at any point during project implementation, you should notify the SHPO immediately. If you have any questions, please contact Miguel Bonini at Archaeology Division, (787) 721-3737 or e-mail [mbonini@prshpo.gobierno.pr](mailto:mbonini@prshpo.gobierno.pr).

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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