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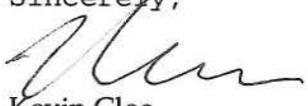
Mr. Richard Henry
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Environmental Response Team
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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Dear Mr. Henry:

At the Vieques Environmental Technical Subcommittee meeting on July 14, 2010, the Subcommittee agreed to a plan for investigating the interior (i.e., landward of the beach) of Former Vieques Naval Training Range (VNTR) PAOC EE to ensure no past burial took place. The work will also involve the removal of matting and blank smalls arms ammunition as general housekeeping. In order to perform the general housekeeping work, as well as the Digital Geophysical Mapping (DGM) to identify any subsurface anomalies, the Subcommittee concurred that vegetation clearance across the PAOC will be conducted.

On July 30, 2010, to gain a better understanding of the species and distribution of vegetation growing on PAOC EE, Madeline Rivera/Navy accompanied Mike Barandiaran/USFWS Vieques Acting Refuge Manager to PAOC EE. Mr. Barandiaran inspected the site and determined that the predominant species were invasive (primarily acacia and mesquite). He did request however, that when cutting vegetation at PAOC EE the clearing crews leave the large cactus observed, if possible. On Wednesday, August 18, 2010, in a phone conversation with Navy personnel, you indicated that vegetation could be clear-cut at PAOC EE in order to achieve the desired objective.

To ensure documentation of this concurrence prior to the clearance work being conducted, please sign this letter in the space provided below and return. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kevin Cloe at (757) 322-4736 or e-mail: kevin.cloe@navy.mil.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cloe
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I hereby concur with the vegetation clearance approach described in this letter.

Richard Henry