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Mr. Daniel Hood
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**RE: Technical Review Draft Technical Memorandum Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection
Work Plan for PAOC EE, Former Vieques Naval Training Range**

Dear Mr. Hood:

The Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) has conducted a technical review of the Draft Technical Memorandum Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection Work Plan for PAOC EE, Former Vieques Naval Training Range, Vieques, Puerto Rico, dated September 9, 2010. The document describes the Navy's approach to investigating PAOC EE also known as Punta Conejo. The investigation approach includes:

- A brief pre-vegetation removal inspection;
- Total vegetation removal using mechanical methods with the exception of large cactus or other trees that don't interfere with the inspection;
- A total surface survey and MEC/debris removal;
- A total DGM survey;
- Excavation of all anomalies.

The procedures used to perform the above-listed tasks are the same ones that have already been approved for other portions of East Vieques. The only portions of the site that will not be covered are the beaches which have already received 100% DGM and excavation of all anomalies during previous work.

This approach will provide a thorough evaluation of the potential for MEC at the site. Based on this analysis we have no comments on this technical memorandum.

Please contact me if you have comments or questions on this document review.

Cordially,

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