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The Honorable Pedro Rosselló  
Governor  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
La Fortaleza  
San Juan, PR 00901

Subj: FINAL IDENTIFICATION OF UNCONTAMINATED PROPERTY OF THE  
NAVAL AMMUNITION SUPPORT DETACHMENT (NASD), VIEQUES  
ISLAND, PUERTO RICO

Dear Governor Rosselló:

I am pleased to submit to you the Navy's final identification of uncontaminated property at NASD Vieques. The enclosed document is the final version of the draft I submitted to you in my letter of May 31, 2000 and was revised and finalized in consultation with your EQB staff and that of EPA's Region II office. Environmental professionals from the Navy, EQB, and EPA have met many times within the last two months and resolved all concerns with this identification to ensure uncontaminated property and potentially contaminated areas are carefully delineated to protect human health and the environment. Of the approximately 7,879 acres of NASD Vieques property to be transferred, about 7,389 acres have been identified as uncontaminated and 490 acres as potentially contaminated.

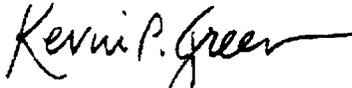
As I have mentioned in previous letters, the Navy and the Commonwealth must agree on this identification of uncontaminated property at NASD Vieques by June 30, 2000 to meet the President's directive to transfer the property by December 31, 2000 and to comply with the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA).

For the property that has been identified as uncontaminated the Navy will provide the CERCLA covenant in the deed for the transfer, which states that any response action found to be necessary due to any hazardous substance on the property at the date of transfer shall be conducted by the United States. Areas that are identified as "potentially contaminated" will be transferred without this covenant and cleaned up after transfer under the Navy's Environmental Restoration Program. Upon completion of cleanup for the potentially contaminated property, the Navy will provide a warranty stating that all response action necessary to protect human health and the environment

with respect to any hazardous substance remaining on this property on the date of transfer has been taken.

We look forward to our continued work with you and your staff to successfully transfer the NASD Vieques property while providing for future protection of human health and the environment. Should you or your staff have any questions they should contact Commander Craig James or Mr. Jose Negron at (787) 865-4204.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: 1. Final Identification of Uncontaminated Property at NASD Vieques, Puerto Rico

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