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Subject: August 2002 Meeting of the Technical Review Committee (TRC) for
Environmental Restoration of the former Navy property on western Vieques

Dear Mr. Penny,

On behalf of of the Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Christopher Penny, I would like to invite you to the next TRC meeting on Saturday, August 17, 2002.

The meeting will be held at the Vieques Conservation & Historic Trust pavilion in Esperanza, starting at 10:00 a.m. If we don't finish by 12:00 p.m., we'll take a lunch break and continue at 1:00 p.m.

We are trying out the idea of Saturday TRC meetings, because evening meetings have been running late. After this one, we'll poll TRC members to find out which day and time they would prefer for future meetings.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will include:

- A status report on the environmental restoration program for western Vieques
- An upcoming draft No Further Action decision document for several sites at the former Public Works compound
- An upcoming Work Plan for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) at other sites, and
- A status report on the CERCLA Technical Committee meetings and resolution of comments on the three reports submitted for regulatory and TRC review last summer.

If you have suggestions for additional agenda items, please let me know.

Other news:

On Thursday, August 15, EPA Region 2 will hold a public availability session, as part of a public comment period for Work Plans for the RCRA Facility Investigation of (non-range)

sites on the eastern side of Vieques. The event will be held at the Municipal Center in Isabel Segunda, on the town square. The public will be invited to look at informational posters about plans for conducting the RCRA Facility Investigation, to ask questions about the Work Plans, and to sign up for the mailing list. The LANTDIV and CH2M HILL team will also be there. (Our TRC meeting was changed from August 24 to August 17 as a result of EPA's August 15 meeting.)

EPA will publish a public notice in newspapers in early August, to announce the public comment period and the time and place for the public availability session. There also will be a fact sheet in the mail.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions about environmental restoration activities, please call Chris Penny at 757-322-4815, or write to him at Atlantic Division, Code EV23, 1510 Gilbert Street, Norfolk, VA 23511-2699, or email him at PennyCT@efdlant.navfac.navy.mil.

For questions about TRC business, or if you can't reach Chris, please feel free to call me at 703-471-6405 (ext. 4538), or send me a fax at 703-796-6152, or email at vfarris@ch2m.com.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



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CC: **TRC members**— José Arroyo, Fabián Martínez (Municipality of Vieques), Pablo Connelly (Municipality of Vieques), Arcinio Corcino, Luis Dávila, Michael Díaz, Ricardo Jordán, Colleen McNamara, Stacie Notine, Christopher Penny (LANTDIV), Madeline Rivera (NSRR), Oscar Díaz (Vieques National Wildlife Refuge), Felix López (USFWS), Robert Wing (EPA Region 2), Eugene Scott and Yarissa Martínez (Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board)

Invited Guests— Mayor Dámaso Serrano (Municipality of Vieques), Juan Fernández (Special Commissioner for Vieques), Esteban Mujica Cotto (EQB), Manuel Rivera (DNER), Radamés Tirado (Subcommissioner for Vieques), Rafael Cruz (office of Commissioner for Vieques), Fernando Silva (Puerto Rico Conservation Trust), Aimée Houghton (CPEO), Carlos Ramos (EPA Region 2), Daniel Rodríguez (EPA Caribbean Office), E. Donald Elliott, Sharon Grasso, Ted Henry