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RE: SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT 4  
 VIEQUES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
 VIEQUES, PR

Dear Ms. Silander:

In response to your requesting an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan inspection to the site above mentioned, we would like to inform that the Non-Point Source Division of the Water Quality Area of the Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board visited the facilities on March 27, 2002. The site was inspected for determining the appropriateness of the measures for erosion control and sedimentation prevention to be implemented. Mr. Oscar Díaz, Area Manager of the Vieques National Wildlife Refuge accompanied the inspection crew.

During the visit to the facilities, we observed the following:

- The *silt fence* located along the road that cross the creek must be re-installed by burying the fabric about six (6) inches below the ground.
- *Silt fences* must be installed along the creek beds.
- Three barriers of *silt fences* must be installed transversally to the trail that runs along the creek to prevent sedimentation with runoff.
- There is no need to install *silt fences* in areas posted as "Area of Existing Burn Pits", since they drain to the trail that ends at the creek. The three *silt fence* barriers mentioned above will protect these areas.
- One *silt fence* barrier must be installed transversally to the trail that accesses the beach.
- There is no need to install a *silt fence* in the site posted as "Prove Out Area" since vegetation works as a filter.
- The soil berm must be kept in place to act as a barrier in the "Demolition Area". Vegetation will also work as a filter between the site and the mangrove swamp.

*Velando por la pureza que usted desea, en el ambiente que le rodea*  
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As a remark, it was observed that the project is located in a topography characterized by gentle slopes and so the activities performed required no soil removal, and the local vegetation acted as an erosion control measure. This situation minimized erosion of the soil and prevented sedimentation from reaching the surrounding water bodies.

We appreciate your concern for the environment and encourage you to continue helping us in our mission to provide a better quality of life for all citizens.

In case of any doubt or for more information, please call Mrs. Carmen Ortega, Acting Chief of the Non-Point Source Division at 787-767-8181 x 2566.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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