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**RE: DRAFT SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN FISCAL YEAR 2010, FORMER
NAVAL FACILITIES VIEQUES, PUERTO RICO**

Dear Mr. Cloe:

The Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) has completed its review of the Draft Site Management Plan Fiscal Year 2010, Former Naval Facilities Vieques, Puerto Rico, dated June 2009. Enclosed our comments.

Please contact me at (787) 767-8181 X.6141 if you have any questions or comments about our review.

Cordially,

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Federal Facilities Coordinator

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PREQB Review of the Draft Site Management Plan for Fiscal Year 2010
Former Naval Facilities Vieques, Puerto Rico
Dated June 2009

1. The “Site Descriptions” in Section 2.1 should be reviewed and updated because there have been advancements on some of the sites that are not included. For example, the description of MRA-ECA in Section 2.1.3 on Page 2-17 says, “The surface removal activities for the ECA are anticipated to be initiated in the fall of 2007.” This work has been completed and this should be reflected in this section. Reviewing and updating the “Site Descriptions” section is recommended.

2. Section 2.2.2 on Page 2-23 notes that “The timing for implementing the additional munitions removal activities at the site will be based on a prioritization of the site.” This is correct. However, there is no mention on the document of the important work currently being performed on the division of the VNTR into MRS and the prioritization of the MRS for investigation and further action. Describing this important activity for all VNTR and adding it to the project schedule is recommended.