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CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
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DATE OF NOTICE: January 21, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: 09-17

COMMENT PERIOD: Thirty (30) days after issuance of this Public Notice

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Clean Water Act Section 309(g) Class I Administrative Penalty, and Opportunity to Comment

SUMMARY: EPA is providing notice of proposed administrative penalty assessment for alleged violations of the Clean Water Act (the "Act"). EPA is also providing notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed penalty assessment.

Under 33 U.S.C. §1319(g) of the Act, EPA is authorized to issue an order assessing a civil penalty for violations of the Act. EPA may issue such order after the commencement of a Class I penalty proceeding. EPA provides public notice of the proposed assessment pursuant to 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(a) of the Act.

Class I proceedings are conducted under EPA's Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties or the

Revocation and Suspension of Permits (CROP), pursuant to 40 CFR Part 22. The procedures through which the public may submit written comments on a proposed Class I order or participate in a Class I proceeding, and the procedures by which a Respondent may request a hearing, are set forth in the CROP. The deadline for submitting public comment on a proposed Class I order is thirty (30) days after issuance of public notice.

On the date identified below, EPA commenced the following Class I proceedings for the assessment of penalties:

Case name: In the matter of Desarrollos de la Vega, Inc.
Docket No.: Docket No. CWA-02-2008-3351
Facility Name: Jardines de Arecibo Pump Station
Facility Location: Intersection of State Road 683, Km. 1.0, Factor I Ward, Arecibo, Puerto Rico.
Proposed Penalty: \$25,978.00 (For violations to Section 301 of the Clean Water Act (“Act”), by discharging pollutants (raw sewage) into waters of the United States without a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) Permit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: persons wishing to receive a copy of the CROP, 40 CFR Part 22, review the Complaint or other documents filed in the proceedings, comment upon a proposed assessment, or otherwise participate in any of the proceedings, should contact the Regional Hearing Clerk at:

Regional Hearing Clerk

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2

290 Broadway, 16th Floor

New York, New York 10007-1866

Unless otherwise noted, the administrative records for the proceedings are located in the EPA Regional Office identified above, and the files will be open for public inspection during normal business hours. All information submitted by the Respondent is available as part of the administrative records, subject to provisions of law restricting public disclosure of confidential information. In order to provide opportunity for public comments, EPA will issue no final order assessing penalties in this proceeding prior to 30 days from the date specified below.

Dated: January __, 2009

Carl-Axel P. Soderberg, Director

Caribbean Environmental Protection Division