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Karen L. Massey, Chair
Environmental Finance Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Ms. Massey:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, 2014, in response to OECA's request for assistance in addressing noncompliance at small drinking water systems. We appreciate the time and interest of the Board in studying this difficult problem.

The variety of problems facing systems that are not served by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority ("non-PRASA systems") are complex. The Governor's recent Executive Order and workplan focusing on these systems represent a concerted effort by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to address the root causes of noncompliance among these systems in a holistic manner. We are hopeful that the plan will be effective.

We appreciate the EFAB's recommendations and willingness to consult with the Puerto Rico Interagency Committee as they implement their workplan. The recommendations add a strategic dimension to the workplan aimed at increasing the likelihood of sustainable outcomes. We believe that sustainable outcomes are key to developing transferrable strategies. We agree that the EFAB working group's expertise would be a valuable resource for the Interagency Committee as they plan and implement their work. We will provide your offer and recommendations to them, determine next steps and follow-up with you on the outcome of those discussions.

Thank you again for working with us on this project.

Sincerely,


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Assistant Administrator

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