

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION II
CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
CITY VIEW PLAZA II, SUITE 7000
GUAYNABO, PUERTO RICO 00968-8069**

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Date: August 10, 2016

NOTICE: PREPARATION OF DRAFT NPDES PERMITS

Notice is hereby given that the following parties have applied to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq. (the Act), for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States.

The applicant: **Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority**, P.O. Box 7066, Barrio Obrero Station, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916,

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water / Classification
PR0025224	Mameyes Arriba WTP	0.0212	Limón River / SD
PR0022616	Enrique Ortega WTP	4.128	Piñas Creek / SD
PR0022942	Añasco WTP	0.317	Unnamed Creek Tributary to Dagüey River / SD
PR0024104	Vega Baja WTP	0.1798	Indio River / SD
PR0025739	Adjuntas (Garzas) WTP	0.0336	Unnamed Creek Tributary to Cidra River / SD
PR0026301	Barrio Nuevo WTP	0.064	Cuesta Arriba River / SD
PR0026701	Lares Nueva (Espino) WTP	0.2016	Río Grande de Añasco / SD
PR0026794	Minillas WTP	0.150	Intermittent Creek Tributary to Bayamón River / SD
PR0020273	Aguas Buenas WWTP	0.6	Bairoa River / SD
PR0020427	Ciales WWTP	1.5	Río Grande de Manatí / SD
PR0024121	Jayuya WTP	0.14	Río Grande de Jayuya / SD
PR0024180	Ciales WTP	1.5	Río Grande de Manatí / SD
PR0025208	Mameyes Abajo WTP	0.00163	Intermittent Creek Tributary to Limón River / SD

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water / Classification
PR0025536	Cayey RWWTP	14.5	La Plata River / SD
PR0025453	Vieques WWTP	0.5	Atlantic Ocean / SC
PR0025526	Patillas WTP	0.3744	Patillas Lake / SD
PR0025976	Caguas RWWTP	40.00	Bairoa River / SD
PR0026549	Culebra WWTP	0.20	Unnamed Intermittent Creek, SD

* Million gallons per day (MGD)

And the following applicants have also applied for permits:

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water / Classification
PR0025844	Allied Waste of Ponce, Inc.	When Flow Occurs	Unnamed creek tributary to Pastillo River / SD
PR0025577	Puerto Rico Public Building Authority - S.U. La Gloria Ward School	0.006	Limones Creek / SD
PR0025313	Puerto Rico Public Building Authority - Silverio García Cara Ward School	0.012	Plama Creek / SD

* Million gallons per day (MGD)

This notice is being given to inform the public that EPA has prepared draft NPDES permits for these facilities. These draft permits contain effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. If, after the conclusion of the proceeding summarized below, the Regional Administrator of Region 2 of EPA makes a final decision to issue the permits, the applicants will be required to comply with all the conditions in those permits.

The draft permits prepared by EPA are based on the respective administrative records. Among other documents, the administrative record required by 40 CFR 124.9, consists of the application, draft NPDES permit, and statement of basis or fact sheet describing the basis for the conditions in the draft permit. All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record.

A copy of the administrative records are on file at the EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental Protection Division office in City View Plaza II, Suite 7000, #48 RD. 165 Km. 1.2 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968-8069 and may be inspected and photocopied at a cost of \$0.15 per page at any time between 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. A copy of the draft permits and fact sheets may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling (787) 977-5870. The draft permit and fact sheet are also available on the EPA website at the following web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html>.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permits (with the exception of those with NPDES numbers PR0025453, PR0024121, and PR0024180), to the Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, at the above address. Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit with NPDES number PR0025984 to the Chief, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, USEPA Region 2, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007. All comments must be submitted by no later than 30 days from the date of this notice.

All persons may provide comments during the public comment period. If the EPA finds that comments timely submitted appear to raise substantial new questions, EPA may reopen the public comment period for that permit.

Any interested persons may request a public hearing on these documents. Any request for a public hearing under 40 C.F.R. §124.11 on EPA's draft permits shall be in writing, state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing, and be submitted to the Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office City View Plaza II, Suite 7000, #48 RD. 165 Km. 1.2 Guaynabo, Puerto Rico 00968-8069, by no later than 30 days from the date of this notice. EPA's decision on the question of whether to hold a public hearing on the draft NPDES permits, the administration of any hearing and the rights and obligations of participants are governed by regulations at 40 C.F.R. §124.12. If EPA holds a public hearing, the public comment period in this notice shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing.

If EPA does not hold a public hearing or reopen the comment period, EPA shall consider the issuance of a final permit to the applicant as soon as possible after the date indicated above for the submission of comments. All timely comments, submitted by interested persons in response to this notice, and statements and other evidence properly submitted at any public hearing held by EPA shall be considered in making the final decision with respect to these permit applications. All comments shall be answered as provided in 40 C.F.R. §124.17.

The applicant and any other person who submits timely written comments or requests notice of final permit decision shall receive notice of EPA's final decision. Within 30 days of service of such notice, any interested person who has submitted timely written comments may file a notice of appeal and petition for review to the Environmental Appeals Board to review any condition of the permit decision. Any person who failed to file comments or failed to participate in the public hearing on the draft permit may petition for review only to the extent of the changes from the draft to the final permit decision. Any such request must meet the requirements of 40 CFR §124.19.

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