

## NOTICE for PUBLIC COMMENT

### PRASA Rancheras Water Treatment Plant Yauco, Puerto Rico

#### SUMMARY

The Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority (PRASA) has applied for renewal of its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Rancheras Water Treatment Plant (WTP) in Yauco.

The Rancheras Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is a water supply that treats water from the Yauco River to provide clean drinking water to the residents of the Municipality of Yauco. Wastewater from the treatment plant is discharged to a tributary of the Yauco River.

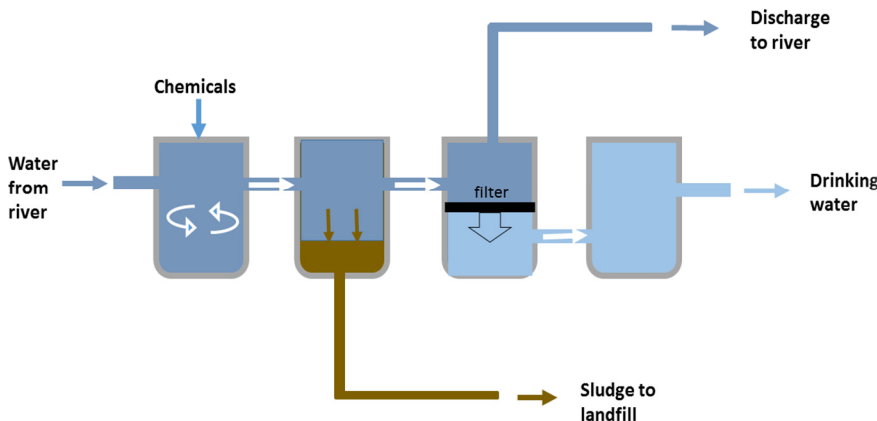
The NPDES permit ensures that the amount of discharge and the amount of contaminants in the discharge remains below levels that are safe for the environment and public health consumption.

#### *How to Access the Draft Permit Documents*

Copies of the draft permit documents can be found on EPA's website at:  
<https://www3.epa.gov/region02/water/permits.html>

Hard copies are located at:

**Casa Alcaldía  
Santiago Vivaldi Street  
Yauco, PR 00698**



#### PRASA RANCHERAS FLOW SCHEMATIC

This diagram summarizes the WTP process.

#### DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS

The permit establishes numeric water quality effluent limitations for several pollutants, including pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, taste and odor, color, turbidity sulfates, total ammonia, suspended solids, and metals.

The permit limits the WTP's numeric flow effluent pursuant to Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) Water Quality Certificate, Puerto Rico Water Quality Standards NPDES Regulations (40 CFR Part 122).

Under NPDES the permit specifies requirements for recording and reporting monitoring results of the numeric effluent limitations described above.

## Rancheras Water Treatment Plant Facility Location

### How to Submit Public Comments

Any interested parties can submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period which ends on May 19, 2016. During this time, a public hearing can also be requested on these documents.

#### The request must:

1. Be in writing
2. State the issues that you want to be raised in the hearing
3. Be submitted to the Director of the Caribbean Environmental Protection Division Office

The submission of written comments and/or requests for a public hearing can be sent to:

**EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental  
Protection Division Office  
City View Plaza II  
Suite 70000, #48 RD. 165 Km, 1.2  
Guaynabo, PR 00968**

If you would like to request additional information or have questions about the permit, please contact:

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