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In Reply Refer To:

EPA File No: 05R-12-R2

(b)(6) Privacy

Community of La Montalva Ensenada

Ensenada, P.R 00647

Dear (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

This letter is in reference to your June 24, 2011 letter (hereinafter "Complaint") to Ms. Jazmin Laguer (Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2 (R2) Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD)) regarding the issues you have with the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority's (PRASA) implementation of Pollution Control Project Number C-72-105-02 (Guanica Sanitary Sewer System for Ensenada Community, Guanica, Puerto Rico). Because the Complaint referred to discrimination, EPA R2 CEPD forwarded the Complaint to the EPA Office of Civil Rights (OCR). OCR investigates allegations of violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Title VI), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in all programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance. OCR assigned the Complaint a file number (05R-12-R2) and proceeded with the jurisdictional review of the Complaint.

On August 16, 2012, OCR sent you a letter requesting you to clarify the allegations in the Complaint. On August 24, 2012, you sent an e-mail to OCR requesting additional time to respond to OCR's request for clarification. On September 12, 2012, OCR held a conference call with you and you stated that your allegations of discrimination in the Complaint were not allegations of discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin. Based upon this information OCR will close your Complaint (05R-12-R2).

Although OCR will not investigate the Complaint, per your request, this letter serves as written confirmation that OCR has forwarded your Complaint to EPA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) for consideration. If you have any questions for OCR, please contact Ms. Helena Wooden-Aguilar, Assistant Director, of my staff by telephone at (202) 564-0792, by e-mail at

wooden-aguilar.helena@epa.gov, or by mail to U.S. EPA Office of Civil Rights (Mail Code 1201A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Sincerely,

Rafael DeLeón

Director

cc: Julia Rhodes, Assistant General Counsel Civil Rights and Finance Law Office (MC 2399A)

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