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Ing. Miguel Cordero, Executive Director Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority Autoridad de Acueductos y Alcantarillados (AAA) #604 Avenida Barbosa, Edif Sergio Cuevas Bustamante, Hato Rey P.O Box 7066 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00916-7066

Dear Director Cordero:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Civil Rights (OCR) is rejecting, pursuant to EPA's regulations implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d *et seq.*, the matter assigned EPA File No. 05R-12-R2.

A copy of a June 24, 2011, letter (hereinafter "Complaint"), was forwarded by the EPA Region 2 Caribbean Environmental Protection Division to OCR because an individual referred to discrimination. After seeking clarification from the individual who filed the Complaint, OCR confirmed that the allegations of discrimination were not based on race, color, or national origin. OCR, therefore, has closed the Complaint because it is not a complaint alleging a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act or EPA's nondiscrimination regulations found at 40 CFR Part 7.

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

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