

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

Public Notice No. 2019-XX

Date: **November 16, 2019**

**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, has applied for permits for the following facilities:

<b>NPDES Number</b>	<b>Facility Name</b>	<b>Flow (MGD)*</b>	<b>Receiving Water / Classification</b>
PR0022888	Caguas Sur WTP	0.29	De Las Quebradillas Creek / SD
PR0026204	Cain Alto WTP	0.031	Cain River / SD
PR0022853	El Duque WTP	0.1008	Grande Creek Tributary to Santiago River / SD
PR0023931	El Yunque WTP	2.2	Espiritu Santo River / SD
PR0025950	Esperanza WTP	0.0469	Tanamá River / SD
PR0025721	Guajataca WTP	0.300	Guajataca River / SD
PR0020494	Guayanilla WWTP	0.62	Guayanilla River / SD
PR0026743	Gurabo WTP	0.0288	Gurabo River / SD
PR0025194	Indiera Alta WTP	0.101	Prieto River / SD
PR0024678	Jagua Pasto WTP	0.072	Guayanilla River / SD
PR0025968	Jaguas y Pesas WTP	0.112	Toro Negro River / SD
PR0026595	La Boca (Barranquitas) WTP	0.187	Hondo River / SD
PR0020985	Lajas WTP	2.218	Mondongo Creek / SD
PR0020648	Maricao WWTP	1.5	Maricao River / SD
PR0022900	Mayaguez, Ponce de León WTP	0.407	Yaguez River / SD
PR0022934	Monte del Estado WTP	0.0288	Intermittent Creek Tributary to the Guanajibo River / SD
PR0020761	Peñuelas WTP	0.75	Tallaboa River / SD
PR0022756	Ponce WTP	1.0	Canas River / SD
PR0023264	Rio Grande Estates WWTP	0.750	Suspiro Creek / SD
PR0025798	Rucio WTP	0.046	Unnamed Creek Tributary to Tallaboa River / SD
PR0020851	San Sebastian Old WWTP	0.4	Culebrinas River / SD
PR0023981	San Sebastian WTP		Unnamed Creek Tributary to

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water / Classification
		0.3024	Moralon Creek / SD
PR0024904	Unibón WWTP	0.190	Unibon River / SD
PR0022837	Yabucoa, La Pica WTP	0.048	GuayanesRiver Tributary to Aguas Largas Creek / SD
PR0026948	Yahuecas WTP	0.144	Blanco River / SD
PR0021661	Yauco WWTP	4.5	Yauco River / SD

\* Million gallons per day (MGD)

And the following applicants have also applied for permits:

NPDES Number	Facility Name	Flow (MGD)*	Receiving Water(s) / Classification
PR0000418	Peñuelas Technology Park, LLC	0.062	Guayanilla Bay, Class SC waters

\* 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 number **PR0000418**), 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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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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