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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

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To Whom it May Concern:

This office is starting a Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement concerning navigational improvements to San Juan Harbor in San Juan, Puerto Rico. One alternative is to widen the main channels by 50 feet and deepen them up to 50 feet. Lesser increments of widening and deepening would also be evaluated (see enclosed figure). The dredged material is expected to be suitable for placement in the Ocean Dredged Material Disposal Site located a few miles from the harbor entrance. Some material may be suitable for placement in dredged holes and for other purposes.

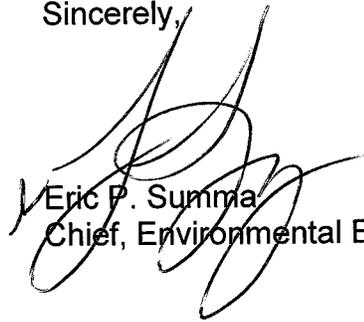
This letter initiates the scoping process for the Environmental Impact Statement. The scoping process starts prior to preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement and is intended to aid in determining the scope of the analysis and significant issues. This process is also intended to help identify alternatives and information needed to evaluate alternatives.

We welcome your views, comments and information about environmental and cultural resources, study objectives and important features within the described study area, as well as any suggested improvements. Letters of comment or inquiry should be addressed to the letterhead address to the attention of the Planning Division, Environmental Branch and received by this office within 30 days of the date of this letter.

A public scoping meeting will be held on November 5, 2015, in the Puerto Rico Convention Center, 100 Convention Boulevard, San Juan, Puerto Rico at 9:00 am in Room 101. Additional information is available on our Environmental Documents Web Page at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx#SJH>.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Paul DeMarco at 904 232-1897 or at paul.m.demarco@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

