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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division Environmental Branch

To Whom It May Concern:

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has prepared a draft National Environmental Policy Act assessment for the Disposal of Antilles Area Engineer Compound. The property is located at 400 Fernandez Juncos Ave., San Juan, Puerto Rico. The environmental assessment addresses initial concerns regarding petroleum storage tanks that were once on the property and the building's eligibility for listing as a historic property. The environmental assessment can be found at: http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-Offices/Planning/Environmental-Branch/Environmental-Documents/, and clicking on the Puerto Rico link and scrolling to Antilles Building Real Estate Disposal.

The proposed action of disposal of the Antilles building and property will not adversely affect existing fish and wildlife habitat, as there are no modifications being made to the property. The proposed action will have no effect on any sites of cultural or historical significance and consultation with the Puerto Rico State Historic Preservation Office pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act is ongoing. The building's unique architectural characteristics will be maintained as part of a memorandum of agreement or covenant in the real estate document to the new owners, which will complete consultation. The proposed action does not present or create any risk with hazardous, toxic, or radioactive materials.

We invite comments from Federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico agencies, local agencies, interested parties, and individuals interested in providing comments and identifying any issues or concerns. Please share this notice with any interested party. Send any comments you may have to the attention of Mr. Andrew LoSchiavo at the letterhead address or email Andrew.J.LoSchiavo@usace.army.mil, no later than 10-November-2016.

Sincerely,

Gina Paduano Ralph, Ph.D. Chief, Environmental Branch

Enclosure