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Mr. Gabriel Gomez  
355 N. Ave. N.E. STE.A-1104  
Atlanta, Texas 30308-2542

Re: Funding for DOD Facilities  
in Puerto Rico and Vieques

Dear Mr. Gomez:

This is in reference to your letter dated July 8, 2002 to Administrator Whitman of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding your concerns for funding for the clean up of Department of Defense (DOD) contaminated facilities throughout Puerto Rico including Vieques. Your letter has been forwarded to me for response.

In the subject letter, you request that EPA appropriate adequate funding for the clean up of hazardous waste contaminated DOD facilities at "78 point areas in all Puerto Rico and Vieques." Please note that EPA does not provide funding for the clean up of DOD hazardous waste sites. Rather, clean up of DOD sites are funded directly by DOD.

In order to obtain more specific information pertaining to the funding of DOD cleanups as well as the status of funding for specific sites in Puerto Rico, you may contact:

Mr. Thomas Sims  
Environmental Coordinator  
United States Air Force  
AFCEE  
60 Forsyth Street, Southwest  
Suite 8M80  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3416  
(404) 610-7419

In regard to Vieques, the Department of the Navy is currently investigating and remediating both the eastern and western portions of the island. For more specific technical and funding information regarding Vieques, you may wish to contact:

Mr. Christopher Penny  
Remedial Project Manager  
Installation Restoration Section  
Environmental Programs Branch  
Environmental Division

Atlantic Division (LANTDIV) Code 1822  
Naval Facilities Engineering Command  
1510 Gilbert Street  
Norfolk, Virginia 23511- 2699  
(757) 322-4815

I hope this information proves helpful to you. If you have any questions, please call Bob Wing at (212) 637-4332 or Helen Shannon at (212) 637-4260 both of my staff.

Sincerely yours,



George Pavlou, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division

cc: T. Sims, USAF  
C. Penny, USNAVY  
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