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Honorable Manuela Santiago  
Mayoress of Vieques  
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Hon. Mayoress Santiago:

In late 1986, Congress passed the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (PL 99-499) which requires departments and agencies of the Federal Government to comply with the Act's procedural and substantive requirements. To meet these requirements, the Navy has modified the Installation Restoration (IR) Program that identifies, assesses, and cleans-up past hazardous material spill or disposal sites.

The Act requires a Technical Review Committee (TRC) to review and comment on proposed site clean-up actions. This committee includes representatives from federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico regulatory agencies along with local government and community representatives.

The Atlantic Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Norfolk, VA administers our IR program. We have investigated several old, potentially-contaminated sites at Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and Vieques and are now ready for TRC input.

A meeting is scheduled for January 25, 1989, at 8:00 AM in the Public Works Department Conference Room, Building 31, to discuss the IR program and TRC participation. Enclosed is a copy of the agenda. This initial meeting should permit you to nominate the best qualified representative. We have requested The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assign representatives to work with us.

Please contact Mr. Felix Mestey, Director, Environmental Engineering Division, at 865-2507 to confirm your attendance at this initial meeting and to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

  
J.C. KENNEDY  
Captain, U.S. Navy  
Commanding Officer

Enclosure