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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning Division
Environmental Branch

AUG 18 2009

Mr. Pedro Nieves Miranda, President
Environmental Quality Board
1375 Avenida Ponce de Leon
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00926-2604

Dear Mr. Nieves:

This is in reference to a recent meeting between your staff and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff regarding our letter of July 8, 2009. In that letter we expressed our interpretation that the Environmental Quality Board Regulation for the Control of Atmospheric Pollution is silent on, and does not apply to the proposed thermal reduction activity for the Portugües dam project. However, it was indicated by your staff that they are in the position to consider granting a variance under the existing regulation.

We hereby request that you process and issue a variance as soon as possible in order to minimize impacts to the current project.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ivan Acosta at phone number 904-232-1693 or by email at ivan.acosta@usace.army.mil

Sincerely,

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Chief, Environmental Branch

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