



COMMONWEALTH OF
PUERTO RICO
Environmental Quality Board

ENVIRONMENTAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF
THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS CONTROL REGULATION

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB), pursuant to the powers conferred by Law Number 416 of September 22, 2004, as amended, known as the Environmental Public Policy Act, and according to the applicable provisions of Law Number 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, Law Number 454 of December 28, 2000, known as the Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility Act for the Small Business, and the Part 280 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR), 1988 and the Federal Law known as the Energy Policy Act, 2005 (42 USC § 13201 *et seq.*), proposes the adoption of the Underground Storage Tanks Control Regulation.

The proposed regulation is intended to protect the environment and human health from leaks from Underground Storage Tanks (UST), establish minimum standards for UST systems, such as installation, operation, leak detection and spill prevention systems and closing of UST, the requirements for notification, and identify and distinguish owners, establish the requirements for operators and the accreditation of training programs, among others and provide the time for the regulated community can meet the applicable regulatory requirements. It also establishes procedures and permits requirements, the requirement for notified, investigate and confirm leak, and the correctives actions to respond to soil and groundwater contamination.

The Public Hearing regarding the proposed regulation will be held in the EQB, Public Hearings Hall, 4th Floor, Cruz A. Matos Environmental Agencies Building, 1375 Ponce de León Avenue, Urb. San José Industrial Park, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

DATE: March 14, 2014
TIME: 9:00 A.M.

The hearing will be extended as long as there are deponents present. If there are no deponents present within one hour after the commencement of the hearing, it will be declared empty and the hearing will be adjourned. Any person that wishes to present comments with respect to the proposed regulation should attend the public hearing and are encouraged to request a turn in the Public Hearings Office of the EQB by calling telephone (787) 767- 8181, extension 6149 or by submitting written comments regarding the proposed regulation within thirty (30) days period following the publication of this notice to the following electronic address rctas@jca.gobierno.pr or by mail to the following address:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
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ATTENTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS OFFICE

Copies of the proposed regulation, related documents and the Analysis of Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility for the Small Business will be available at the Environmental Library and the Public Hearings Hall located at 4th Floor of the Cruz A. Matos Environmental Agencies Building, 1375 Ponce de León Avenue, Urb. San José Industrial Park and at the Regional Offices of the EQB:

Ponce Regional Office
Distribution Center, Suite 404
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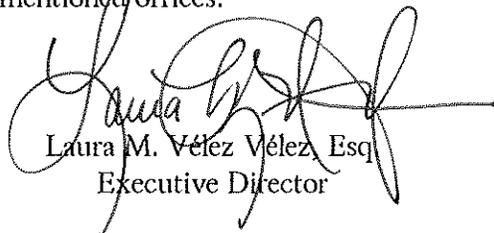
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Also, the proposed regulation is available at the following electronic address: <http://www2.pr.gov/agencias/jca/LeyesyReglamentos/Pages/EnmiendasyReglamentosPropuestos.aspx>. Copies of the aforementioned documents can be purchased from Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at the above mentioned offices.



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This notice has been issued pursuant to Law Number 416 of September 22, 2004, as amended, Environmental Public Policy Act, and Section 2.1 of Law Number 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, Uniform Administrative Procedure Act.