



ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO ADOPT THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS REGULATION

The Environmental Quality Board (EQB), pursuant to the powers conferred by Act No. 416- 2004, as amended, known as the "Environmental Public Policy Act", to adopt, amend and repeal regulations in compliance with its authority, and according with the applicable provisions of Act No. 161-2009, as amended, known as the "Permit Process of Puerto Rico Reform Act", Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act", and Act No. 454-2000, as amended, known as the "Small Business Administrative and Regulatory Flexibility Act", proposes the adoption of the *Environmental Review Process Regulation*.

The proposed Regulation intends to establish an agile environmental planning process with the purpose that Agencies of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, before taking any action or enact any government decision, obtain, review and analyze all necessary information in order to ensure that all environmental components of every decision that could affect the environment are considered, and that decisions are made in an informed manner. This guarantees compliance with the Environmental Public Policy, whose intent is to encourage and promote the general welfare and ensure that natural systems are in good health, have the capacity to sustain its life in all manners, and create and maintain the conditions under which human beings and nature can coexist in productive harmony.

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: July 14, 2015
TIME: 9:30 a.m.

The hearing will be extended as long as there are deponents present. If there are no deponents present within (1) one hour after the commencement of the hearing, it will be declared empty and the hearing will be adjourned. Any person interested in participating in the public hearing may request a turn by email: vistaspublicas@jca.pr.gov or by phone (787) 767-8181, extension 3944. Every person interested in commenting on the proposed Regulation shall submit their written comments within thirty (30) days following the publication of this notice to the following electronic address vistaspublicas@jca.pr.gov, or by mail to the following address:

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD
PO BOX 11488
SAN JUAN PUERTO RICO 00910
ATTENTION: PUBLIC HEARINGS OFFICE

The proposed Regulation and the Analysis of Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility for Small Businesses are available in EQB's webpage: <http://www.jca.pr.gov>.

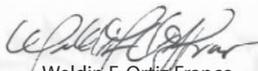
Furthermore, said documents are available for public review at Public Hearings Office of EQB located at the 5th floor of the Cruz A. Matos Environmental Agencies Building, 1375 Ponce de León Ave., Urb. San José Industrial Park, San Juan, PR, and the Regional Offices of EQB:

Humacao Regional Office
Ave. Boulevard del Río, Ramal 3,
Desvío Sur
Humacao, Puerto Rico 00791

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Interested parties may obtain copies of the above documents by paying the applicable fees.


Weldin F. Ortiz Franco
President

This notice is issued pursuant to Act No. 416-2004, as amended, "Environmental Public Policy Act", and Section 2.1 of Act No. 170 of August 12, 1988, as amended, "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act".