



February 28, 2017

Hon. Tania Vázquez Rivera, Secretary  
Department of Natural and Environmental Resources  
P.O. Box 366147  
San Juan, PR 00936

**Maintenance Dredging Permit for Cataño Oil Dock  
ENG 4345: Department of the Army Permit Application**

Dear secretary Vázquez Rivera:

Please receive the ENG 4345: Department of the Army Permit Application (Joint Permit Application), and the required 13 copies, for the **Maintenance Dredging Permit for Cataño Oil Dock Project** (Project), on behalf of Total Petroleum Puerto Rico, Corp. (Total Petroleum). The Project involves maintenance dredging of approximately 15,750 cubic yards of unconsolidated sediments on two areas situated each to the west and east sides of the Cataño Oil Dock (COD), adjacent to the Army Terminal Turning Basin, west of PREPA's San Juan Thermoelectric Plant. The purpose of the Project is to restore the required depth (-40 ft mllw) around COD for safely maneuvering of ships, maximizing loading capacity of tankers, reducing the number of arrival trips to COD and vessel traffic in San Juan Bay, and reducing COD operating costs.

The printed documents include: a letter authorizing Tetra Tech to represent and act on behalf of Total Petroleum, the Federal and Commonwealth Joint Permit Application Form ENG 4345, a Project location map and other figures, the EPA concurrency letter indicating that "sediments that are proposed to be dredged are suitable for ocean disposal at the ODMDS" (March 23, 2016), and the permits for the previous dredging project in 2011. The digital project layout (.dxf) and the electronic version (.pdf) of all the above-mentioned documents are included in the CD. The *Environmental Assessment*, and the *San Juan Harbor MPRSA Section 103 Sediment Testing and Analysis* prepared by ANAMAR Environmental Consulting (2015) for the USACE, are only included as digital documents (.pdf).

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed documents or require any additional information regarding the proposed Project, please contact me directly at 626-688-10147 or via e-mail at [fernando.pages@tetrattech.com](mailto:fernando.pages@tetrattech.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Fernando Pagés Rangel'.

Fernando Pagés Rangel, P.E.  
Director

Enc: Maintenance Dredging Permit for Cataño Oil Dock Joint Permit Application (Original and 13 copies)  
Cd with the FORM 4345, documents, figures, and project layout (.dxf)

Cc: Antoine Effendiantz, Total Petroleum  
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