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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

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Planning and Policy Division  
Environmental Branch

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report/Environmental Assessment (IFR/EA) for the Rio Anton Ruiz 1135 Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) Project located in the Humacao Natural Reserve (HNR) in Humacao, Puerto Rico.

The Recommended Plan consists of constructing two sheetpile notched concrete cap weirs at the location of the temporary saltwater intrusion measures (SWIM) structures. By constructing both weirs, the entire HNR system will be protected from saltwater intrusion as a result of the diversion channel constructed in 2001 under the Rio Anton Ruiz Flood Control Project, CAP Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948, as amended.


The Draft IFR/EA is available for your review on the Corps' Environmental planning website, under Puerto Rico:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/Divisions-Offices/Planning/Environmental-Branch/Environmental-Documents/>

Please submit any comments you have in writing to the letterhead address or via email within 30 days from the date of this letter.

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Sincerely,



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