

**Application for Certification of Consistency with the
Puerto Rico Coastal Management Program**

General Instruction:

- A. Attach a 1:200,000 scale, U.S. Geological Survey topographic quadrangular base map of the site.
- B. Attach a reasonably scaled plan or schematic design of the proposed object, indicating the following:
 - 1. Peripheral areas
 - 2. Bodies of water, tidal limit and natural systems.
- C. You may attach any further information you consider necessary for proper evaluation of the proposal.
- D. If any information requested in the questionnaire does not apply in your case, indicate by writing "N/A" (not applicable).
- E. Submit a minimum of seven copies of this application.

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Type of application: _____	Application Number: _____		
Date received: _____	Date of Certification: _____		
Evaluation result:	<input type="checkbox"/> Objection	<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance	<input type="checkbox"/> Negotiation
Technician: _____	Supervisor: _____		
Comments: _____			

- 1. Name of Federal Agency: _____
- 2. Federal Program Catalog Number: _____
- 3. Type of Action:
 - Federal Activity
 - License or permit
 - Federal Assistance
- 4. Name of Applicant: Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority
 Postal Address: P.O. Box 7066, Bo. Obrero Station - Santurce, Puerto Rico 00916
 Telephone: 787-620-3780 Fax: 787-620-3744
- 5. Project Name: PRASA's Ponce Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (RWWTP)
- 6. Physical Description of Project Location (area, facilities such as vehicular access, drainage, storm and sanitary sewer placement, etc.): This is an existing municipal wastewater treatment plant located at Road #2 - Km. 259 - Bo. Matilde - Ponce, Puerto Rico; no increase in discharge capacity nor a modification of the outfall is requested; PRASA is requesting only the renewal of the existing NPDES permit.

 Lambert Coordinates: Longitude: (66° 38' 31" W) Latitude: (17° 55' 53" N)

7. Type of construction or other work proposed:

- drainage channeling landfill sand extraction
 pier bridge residential tourist

Others (specify and explain) _____

Description of proposed work: N/A. This is an existing municipal wastewater treatment plant that started operation in 1973, as a primary RWWTP. The renewal of the NPDES permit is the only proposed work.

8. Natural, artificial, historic or cultural systems likely to be affected by the project

Place an X opposite any of the systems indicated below that are in the project area or its surroundings, which are likely to be affected by the activity. Indicate the distance from the project to any outside system that would likely be affected.

System	Within Project	Outside Project	Distance (meters)	Local name of affected system
Beach, dunes				
Marshes				
Coral reefs				
River, estuary				
Bird sanctuary				
Pond, lake, lagoon				
Agricultural unit				
Forest, wood				
Cliff, breakwater				
Cultural or tourist area				
Other, explain		X	(5,724 meters offshore)*	Caribbean Sea

* The Ponce RWWTP discharges through an outfall constructed of a combination of concrete-weight-coated steel pipe and reinforced concrete pipe, with a nominal inside diameter of 48 inches (1.22 meters). The land portion of the outfall runs westward along the shoreline from the Ponce RWWTP pump station for approximately 2,260 ft (690 m) before turning offshore. The ocean portion of the outfall extends approximately 18,800 ft (5,724 m) offshore, running between two shoals, Cayo Viejo and las Hojitas and over and down an escarpment, terminating approximately 411 ft (125 m) of water. The outfall was sited where there are no significant coral reefs or other environmentally sensitive habitats. It was designed to maximize dilution and minimize impact on the marine environment. No recreational activities are observed at the outfall site. The end of the outfall is configured as a high rate diffuser to maximize mixing and dispersion.

Describe the likely impact of the project on the identified system(s).

- Positive Negative

No adverse impact has been identified and no future adverse impact is expected.

9. Indicate permits, approvals and endorsements of the proposal by Federal and Puerto Rican government agencies. Evidence of such support should be attached to the proposal.

	Yes	No	Pending	Application Number
a. Planning Board		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b. Regulation and Permits Administration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
c. Environmental Quality Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			Water Quality Certificate
d. Department of Natural Resources		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
e. State Historic Preservation Office		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
f. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
g. U.S. Coast Guard		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
h. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		USEPA NPDES Permit (PR0021563)
i. Other (s) Specify		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT the Ponce Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant is consistent with the Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program, and that to the best of my knowledge the above information is true.

Irma M. López Santos
Name
Executive Director,
Environmental Compliance and Quality Control
Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority


Signature
October 25, 2017
Date

