



**United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2**

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Vieques Island Superfund Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the U.S. Department of the Navy, the Department of the Interior (including Fish and Wildlife Services) and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico – ("the parties") - have entered into a Federal Facilities Agreement ("FFA") for what is referred to as the Vieques Superfund Site ("the Site") in the Municipality of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

The eastern and western portions of the facility on the island of Vieques were used by the U.S. Navy in conjunction with the former Roosevelt Roads Naval Station from the 1940's until their closure. The western portion of the facility was closed in 2001, and the eastern portion was closed in 2003. The western portion of the Site operated as an ammunition storage facility while the eastern portion was used for amphibious exercises and air to ground maneuvers. Hazardous substances have been identified at the Site, which includes the eastern and western portions as well as the surrounding waters. These hazardous substances include unexploded ordnance and remnants of unexploded ordnance.

The Site was placed on EPA's National Priorities List ("NPL") in February 2005.

The FFA was signed on September 7, 2007. The purpose of the FFA is to:

- 1) Ensure that the environmental impacts associated with past and present activities at the Site are thoroughly investigated and that the proper remedial actions are taken as necessary to protect public health and the environment.
- 2) Establish a procedural framework and schedule for developing, implementing and monitoring appropriate response actions at the Site according to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA") and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") and the applicable Commonwealth laws and regulations.
- 3) Facilitate cooperation, exchange of information and participation of the parties and the public in such actions.

This notice is to inform the public that the FFA is now available for a forty-five (45) day public comment period. Comments should be submitted in writing no later than **November 13, 2007**. The public can view the FFA by accessing EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region02/vieques>, or the Navy's Web site at <http://public.lantops-ir.org/sites/public/vieques>

Hardcopies of the draft FFA can also be requested from the individual identified below or reviewed at the following locations:

Official Repository:

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All comments should be submitted to Daniel Rodríguez, Remedial Project Manager of the Vieques Superfund Site to the address noted below. If you have any questions about the Site or the FFA please contact:

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All written comments submitted prior to the closure of the public comment period will be considered. If a particular comment requires action, the response will be annotated in the Administrative Record.