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Mr. J. R. Ramos
President
J.R. Ramos
P.O. Box 1888
Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769-1888

Re: Docket No. CWA-02-2007-3306
Esc. Sup. Urbana Carmen Salas, PR 141R, Km 1.0, Bo Pueblo,
Jayuya, Puerto Rico
NPDES Storm Water Construction General Permit tracking No. PRR10BC86

Dear Mr. Ramos:

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Expedited Settlement Offer ("ESO") Agreement entered into as part of the Consent Agreement and Final Order ("CAFO").

As you agreed to in this Expedited Storm Water Settlement Agreement, you must pay the settlement penalty amount (\$15,000) within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of this letter, which contains the agreement which has been "So Ordered" and is effective. You must send your original check and a copy of the Agreement, via certified mail, to:

Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. EPA, Region 2
In the Matter of J.R. Ramos, Inc.
Docket No.: CWA-02-2007-3306
P.O. Box 360188M
Pittsburgh, PA 15251

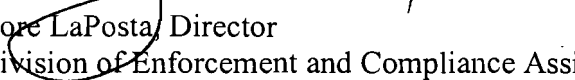
The payment for the penalty amount must be in the form of a bank, cashiers or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" with EPA and the Docket Number of the Expedited Settlement Agreement written on the check.

A copy of the check payment of the penalty amount must also be sent via certified mail, express mail or equivalent to Henry Mazzucca, P.E. Chief, Compliance Section, Water Compliance Branch, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10007 for our records.

Please note that once full payment is made this settles all civil penalties claims against you for the Clean Water Act violations issued in the CAFO.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. Murray Lantner, P.E., Environmental Engineer at (212) 637-3976.

Sincerely,



Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Enclosure

cc: Wanda E. García Hernández, Director, PREQB (w/enclosure)

If you have any questions concerning the above, please contact Mr. Murray Lantner, P.E., Environmental Engineer at (212) 637-3976.

Sincerely,

Original signed by
Patrick Durack

Dore LaPosta, Director
Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Enclosure

cc: Wanda E. García Hernández, Director, PREQB (w/enclosure)

bcc: Teresita Rodriguez, CEPD (w/enclosure)
Henry Mazzucca, DECA-WCB (w/enclosure)
John Ciorciari, OPM-FMB (w/enclosure)
Patrick Harvey, DECA-CAPS (w/enclosure)
Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk (w/enclosure) ✓
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 290 Broadway
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J.R. RAMOS, INC.

EXPEDITED STORM WATER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
 Esc. Sup. Urbana Carmen Salas, Jayuya Public School, NPDES No. PRR10BC86
 Docket Number: CWA-02-2007-3306,

J.R. Ramos, Inc. (“Respondent”) is a “person,” within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Clean Water Act (“Act”), 33 U.S.C. §1362(5), and 40 C.F.R. §122.2.

Attached is an “Expedited Settlement Offer Deficiencies Form” (herein the “Form”), which is incorporated by reference. By its signature, Complainant (“EPA”) finds that Respondent is responsible for the deficiencies specified in the Form.

Respondent had an unauthorized discharge of storm water in violation of Section 301(a) of the CWA and violations of its Permit (Section 402 of the CWA) as described in the attached worksheet.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that Respondent is subject to Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1311, and that EPA has jurisdiction over the allegations and any “person” who “discharges pollutants” from a “point source” to “waters of the United States.” Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegation(s) specified in the Form.

EPA is authorized to enter into this Consent Agreement and Final Order (“Agreement”) under the authority vested in the Administrator of EPA by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2)(A), and by 40 C.F.R. §22.13(b). The parties enter into this Agreement in order to settle the civil violation(s) alleged in this Agreement for a penalty of **\$15,000**. Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty, and waives the right to: (1) contest the finding(s); (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifies, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that it has corrected any deficiencies identified in the Form, and to the best of its knowledge, is in compliance with the NPDES permitting program.

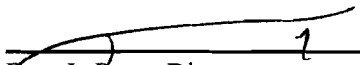
Respondent certifies that, within ten (10) days of receiving notice from EPA that the Agreement is effective (“So Ordered”) it will send a bank, cashiers or certified check for the amount specified above payable to the “Treasurer, United States of America,” via certified mail, to:

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This Agreement settles EPA’s civil penalty claims against Respondent for the CWA violation(s) specified in this Agreement. However, EPA does not waive its rights to take any enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future civil or criminal violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected deficiencies or violation(s) described in the Form. EPA has determined this Agreement to be appropriate.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and effective thirty (30) days from the date it is signed (“Approved”) by the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(C), and Part 22.


APPROVED BY EPA:


 Dore LaPosta, Director
 Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Date: JUN 27 2007

APPROVED BY RESPONDENT in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.22:

Name: J. R. Ramos
 Title: President, J.R Ramos, Inc.


Signature: 
 ENG. JOSE RAFAEL RAMOS TORRES

Date: 07/23/07

More than 40 days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. §1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this matter.

Having determined that this CAFO is authorized by law and is in the public interest,

IT IS SO ORDERED:


 Dore LaPosta, Director
 Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

Date: 10/23/07

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UNITED STATES
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REGION 2

IN THE MATTER OF:

J.R. Ramos
P.O. Box 1888
Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

Docket No.CWA-02-2007-3306

NPDES Unpermitted: PRR10BC86

Respondent

Proceeding to Assess Civil Penalty
Pursuant to Section § 309 (g) of the
Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319 (g)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

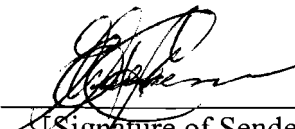
I certify that, on the date noted below, I caused to be mailed a copy of this "CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER" to the following person at the address listed below:

J. R. Ramos, President
J.R. Ramos, Inc.
P.O. Box 1888
Coamo, Puerto Rico 00769

I [hand carried/mailed] the original and a copy of this "CONSENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER" to the following person at the address listed below:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Regional Hearing Clerk (16th Floor)
290 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10007-1866

Date: Oct 25, 2007
New York, New York



[Signature of Sender]

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2

DATE: OCT 25 2007

SUBJECT: Public Notice

FROM: Douglas McKenna, Chief,
Water Compliance Branch

TO: Patrick J. Harvey, Chief
Compliance Assistance and Program Support Branch

Please provide a Public Notice number for the attached Public Notice for the Proposed Administrative Penalty Assessment and Opportunity to Comment for J. R. Ramos, Inc., Esc. Sup. Urbana Carmen Salas, located at Jayuya, Puerto Rico, Docket No. CWA-02-2007-3306, to ensure that this is public noticed appropriately on the EPA web site.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Murray Lantner at 212-637-4268.

Attachment

bcc: Karen Maples, Regional Hearing Clerk ✓

Hank Mazzucca, DECA-WCB

Murray Lantner, DECA-WCB