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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

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Eric Schaaf, Regional Counsel Office of Regional Counsel U.S. EPA, Region 2 290 Broadway New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Snapperfarm, Inc.

Permit Number: PR0026361 Appeal Number: NPDES 09-19

Dear Mr. Schaaf:

This is to advise you that the Environmental Appeals Board received on December 15, 2009, a petition filed by Mildred Guzman, P.E., of Vincenty, Heres & Asociados, on behalf of Snapperfarm, Inc., asking the Environmental Appeals Board to review a permit determination issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 in this case.

A copy of the petition can be found on the Board's website at http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/f22b4b245fab46c6852570e6004df1bd/99f6ae 6f325f03ca8525768e006399aa!OpenDocument, listing all the documents filed in the case. If you have any difficulty accessing this document, please let me know.

To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by petitioner should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the petitioner's contentions and whether petitioner has satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. §124.19(a). Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Please file an original (signed in blue ink) and two copies of these materials no later than February 4, 2010, and send a copy of the response and the certified index to petitioner with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service. ¹

¹The Environmental Appeals Board has an innovative system that allows parties to submit copies of documents, including exhibits, electronically in PDF. Instructions on registration and document submission, are available by using the "Electronic Submission" link

All documents, including the materials due February 4, 2010, must reference the appeal number. **IMPORTANT**: In addition, any envelope or other packaging containing documents sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address or hand-delivery address, as prescribed below, must bear a complete and accurate return address in the upper left hand corner. The envelope or packaging must also clearly state the case name and appeal number in the lower left hand corner.

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A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioner as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

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Clerk of the Board

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