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IN THE MATTER OF:

Desarrollos Altamira I, Inc.
P. O. Box 9021990
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-1990

DOCKET NUMBER CWA-02-2009-3462

and

Cidra Excavation, S.E.
P. O. Box 1128 Caparra Heights Station
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00922

PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO SECTION
309(G) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT,
33 U.S.C. § 1319(G), TO ASSESS CLASS
II CIVIL PENALTY

**Hacienda Altamira Residential
Development**

NPDES PRU201934

RESPONDENTS

**COMPLAINT, FINDINGS OF VIOLATION, NOTICE OF PROPOSED
ASSESSMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY, AND NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING**

I. Statutory Authority

1. This Administrative Complaint, Findings of Violation, Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty, and Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing (Complaint) is issued under the authority vested in the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Clean Water Act (CWA or the Act), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(B). The Administrator has delegated this authority to the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 2, who in turn has delegated it to the Director, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD) of EPA, Region 2 (Complainant).
2. Pursuant to Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act, and in accordance with the "Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, Issuance of Compliance or Corrective Action Orders, and the Revocation, Termination or Suspension of Permits" (CROP), 40 C.F.R. Part 22, a copy of which is attached, Complainant hereby requests that the Regional Administrator assess a civil penalty against Desarrollos Altamira I, Inc. (DAI) and Cidra Excavation, S.E. (CESE) (collectively, Respondents), for their failure to apply for and obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

permit coverage prior to commencement of construction activities at the Hacienda Altamira I Residential Development (Hacienda Altamira or the Project) and for their illegal discharges of pollutants (storm water) into waters of the United States without NPDES permit coverage, in violation of Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

II. Statutory and Regulatory Background

3. Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), provides in part that “[e]xcept as in compliance with this Section and Sections . . . 402, and 404 of the Act, the discharge of any pollutant by any person shall be unlawful.”
4. Section 308(a)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318(a)(A), establishes that whenever required to carry out the objective of the Act, the Administrator shall require the owner or operator of any point source to:
 - a. establish and maintain such records;
 - b. make such reports;
 - c. install, use and maintain such monitoring equipment or methods;
 - d. sample such effluents; and
 - e. provide such other information as may be required.
5. Section 502 of the Act , 33 U.S.C. § 1362, and its implementing regulations, contain the following definitions:
 - a. Section 502(5) defines “person” as an individual, corporation, partnership or association;
 - b. Section 502(7) defines “navigable waters” as the waters of the United States, including the territorial seas;
 - c. Section 502(6) defines “pollutant” as including, among others, solid waste, dredged spoil, rock, sand, cellar dirt, sewage, sewage sludge and industrial, municipal and agricultural waste discharged into water;
 - d. Section 502(14), defines “point source” as any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged; and

- e. Section 502(12) defines in part "discharge of a pollutant" as any addition of any pollutant to navigable waters from any point source.
6. Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, defines the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System as the national program for, among other things, issuing and enforcing permits.
7. Section 402 of the Act authorizes the Administrator to promulgate regulations for the implementation of the NPDES requirements.
8. Pursuant to the Act, on April 1, 1983, EPA promulgated regulations to implement the NPDES program, under EPA Administered Permit Programs: the NPDES, at 40 C.F.R. Part 122, as amended.
9. Pursuant to the NPDES regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 122.5(b), the NPDES program requires permits for the discharge of any pollutant from any point source into waters of the United States.
10. The NPDES regulations under 40 C.F.R. § 122.2 define the following terms:
 - a. "Pollutant" in part, as dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, chemical wastes, rock, sand and others.
 - b. "Facility," as any NPDES point source or any other facility or activity (including land or appurtenances thereto) that is subject to the regulations of the NPDES program.
 - c. An "owner" or "operator" as the owner or operator of any facility or activity subject to regulation under the NPDES program.
 - d. "Point Source" as any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
 - e. "Discharge" as the discharge of a pollutant or combination of pollutants into waters of the United States from any point source.
 - f. "Waters of the United States" means all waters such as lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, among others, and their tributaries.

15. Each Respondent is a “person” within the meaning of Section 502(5) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(5).
16. DAI is the owner and operator and CESE is an operator, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.2, of a housing construction project known as the Hacienda Altamira I Residential Development.
17. Respondents’ Project is located at State Road PR-957, Km. 0.2, Hato Puerco Ward, in Canóvanas, Puerto Rico 00729.
18. Hacienda Altamira is a residential development, which consists of the construction of one hundred and fifty two (152) single-family housing units.
19. The construction activities at the Project are best described by the Standard Industrial Classification Code 1521 (Single-Family Housing Construction).
20. The construction activities at Hacienda Altamira involve, among others, land disturbance, site preparation, utilities installation, and construction of residential units and recreational areas.
21. Earth movement activities at the Project involve clearing, grading and excavation on approximately 42.05 acres of land.
22. Respondents began clearing activities at Hacienda Altamira on or about January 25, 2007.
23. Respondents’ Project is a “construction activity” as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(14)(x).
24. The Project is a “point source” within the meaning of Section 502(14) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(14), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.
25. Respondents discharged storm water containing “pollutants” from the Project into an unnamed creek, tributary of the Río Canóvanas.
26. The unnamed creek and the Río Canóvanas are waters of the United States, as defined in Section 502(7) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1362(7), and 40 C.F.R. § 122.2.
27. Owners or operators of construction activities are required to apply and obtain NPDES permit coverage for storm water discharges associated with construction activities pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(14)(x).
28. Respondents’ Project is covered by the NPDES permit application regulations for construction activities under 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(14)(x).

29. An owner or operator of a construction site is required to submit an individual permit application no later than ninety (90) days, before the date on which construction is to commence, unless the owner or operator obtains authorization under an NPDES storm water general permit for construction activities, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.21.
30. Respondents are the owners and/or operators of the Project, as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.2. Respondents are subject to the provisions of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*, and the applicable NPDES permit application regulations found at 40 C.F.R. Part 122. Respondents were required to apply for and obtain NPDES permit coverage for the storm water discharges from the Project pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(14)(x).
31. On July 1, 2003, EPA issued the “NPDES General Permit for Discharges from Large and Small Construction Activities” (Construction General Permit or CGP).
32. The Construction General Permit was published in the Federal Register on July 1, 2003(68 Fed. Reg. 39,087). The CGP became effective on July 1, 2003 and expired at midnight on July 1, 2008.
33. Section 2.3.A of the Construction General Permit establishes application deadlines for owners or operators of new projects. Such owners or operators were required to file a complete and accurate Notice of Intent (NOI) form prior to commencement of construction activities.
34. Section 3.1.A of the Construction General Permit requires Respondents to prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prior to submission of the NOI.
35. Section 3.1.D of the Construction General Permit requires Respondents to implement the SWPPP as written from commencement of construction activity until final stabilization is complete.
36. On April 20 and on July 17, 2007, a duly authorized EPA enforcement officer performed Compliance Evaluation Inspections (CEIs) of the Project, to determine Respondents’ compliance with the Act and the applicable NPDES regulations.
37. The findings of the CEIs were included in the NPDES Water Compliance Inspection Reports, both of which are dated September 27, 2007. The findings of the CEIs revealed that:
 - a. Respondents did not submit an individual NPDES permit application at least ninety (90) days before the date on which construction activities commenced, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 122.21, nor did they file a complete and accurate NOI form prior to commencement of

construction activities, as required by Part 2 of the Construction General Permit;

- b. Respondents did not submit a complete and accurate SWPPP;
- c. Respondents did not implement adequate storm water pollution prevention measures at the Project, as required under Part 3 of the Construction General Permit;
- d. Uncontrolled storm water runoffs from the Project were being discharged into the an unnamed creek, tributary of the Río Canóvanas, in violation of Part 3 of the Construction General Permit;
- e. Respondents did not adequately install and maintain the erosion and sediment control measures and other protective measures at the Project as required under Part 3 of the Construction General Permit;
- f. Large off-site accumulations of sediment that had escaped from the Project were observed impacting the adjacent land and the unnamed creek. Such sediment accumulations were not removed at a frequency sufficient to minimize off-site impacts, as required by Section 3.13.B of the Construction General Permit;
- g. Unstable slopes were observed throughout the Project; and
- h. Respondents did not conduct inspections in accordance with Section 3.10 of the Construction Permit.

38. On May 15, 2007, an EPA official conducted a review of the EPA National Storm Water Processing Center database and the EPA files and it revealed that as of such date Respondents had not filed a NOI form as required by the Construction General Permit.¹

39. Based on the observations made by EPA during the CEIs, EPA issued Administrative Compliance Order CWA-02-2007-3070 (Compliance Order or Order), dated September 27, 2007, against Respondents to address the above referenced violations. The Compliance Order incorporated findings of violations, and ordered Respondents to:

- a. cease the discharge of pollutant into waters of the United States;
- b. cease and desist all clearing, grading and/or excavation activities at the Project;

¹ <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater>

- c. provide temporary stabilization to areas of the Project where clearing, grading and excavation activities have temporarily ceased;
 - d. construct and/or install erosion and storm water management controls;
 - e. provide maintenance to the erosion and storm water management controls
 - f. prepare a complete and accurate SWPPP;
 - g. prepare and file a NOI form for coverage under the Construction Permit; and
 - h. prepare and submit a Compliance Plan to bring the Facility into compliance with the Construction General Permit, the Act, and the NPDES regulations; among other requirements.
40. On October 4, 2007, Respondents received the Compliance Order that EPA issued on September 27, 2007.
41. On October 18, 2007, a duly authorized EPA enforcement officer performed a Reconnaissance Inspection of the Project (Reconnaissance Inspection) to determine Respondents' compliance with the Act, the applicable NPDES regulations, and the Compliance Order.
42. On November 6, 2007, Compliance Order CWA-02-2007-3070 was closed. The determination was based upon DAI's substantial compliance with various provisions of the Order and CESE's compliance with Provisions 1 thru 4 of the Order. In addition, Respondents provided EPA with two Project status reports, which provided information supporting closure of the Order.

B. Conclusions of Law

43. As set forth above, Respondents are liable for the violations of Sections 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), as specified below:

a. **Claim 1—Failure to apply for coverage under the NPDES permit.**

Respondents did not submit an individual NPDES permit application as required by 40 C.F.R. § 122.21, nor did they file a complete and accurate NOI form prior to commencement of construction activities as required by Part 2 of the Construction General Permit. The construction project started on January 25, 2007, as stated in Respondents NOI application detail, and DAI obtained coverage on October 24, 2007, a total of **279** days late.

b. **Claim 2—Illegal discharges of pollutant (storm water) into waters of the United States without NPDES permit coverage.**

Respondents discharged pollutants from the Project into waters of the United States without NPDES permit coverage, in violation of Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a). The period of violations is from January 25, 2007 (date when discharges began) to September 27, 2007 (date when the Order was issued), a total of **245** days of violation.

EPA will notify the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico regarding this proposed action by mailing a copy of this Complaint and Notice and offering an opportunity for the Commonwealth to confer with EPA on the proposed penalty assessment.

IV. Notice of Proposed Order Assessing a Civil Penalty

Based on the foregoing Findings of Violation, and pursuant to the authority of Section 309(g) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), EPA, Region 2 hereby proposes to issue a Final Order Assessing Administrative Penalties (Final Order) to Respondents assessing a penalty of \$146,425.49. The proposed penalty has been determined in accordance with the applicable factors under Section 309(g)(3) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(3). EPA is required to take in consideration the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation (or violations), and Respondents' prior compliance history, degree of culpability, economic benefit or savings accruing to Respondents by virtue of the violations, and Respondents' ability to pay the proposed penalty. EPA has also taken in consideration the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, which requires EPA to adjust penalties for inflation on a periodic basis.

Based on the Findings set forth above, Respondents have been found to have violated in numerous occasions the NPDES regulations and the Act. Respondents failed to perform inspections, prepare and implement a storm water pollution prevention plan, as required by the Construction General Permit. Respondents are culpable for the violations. EPA took into account Respondents' knowledge of the NPDES regulations, the Construction General Permit, and the risks to human health and the environment posed by the uncontrolled discharges of storm water runoff from the Project into the Atlantic Ocean, a water of the United States.

The violations discussed in this Complaint are serious since Respondents' failure to develop and implement storm water pollution prevention at the Project caused a significant amount of sediments to reach surface water that could cause direct and indirect negative effects on human health and the environment. Respondents knew of their obligations under the NPDES regulations, Construction General Permit, and the Act. Respondent CESE has a prior history of violations under the NPDES program.

EPA may issue a final Order Assessing Administrative Penalties thirty (30) days after Respondents' receipt of this Notice, unless Respondents, within such time file an Answer to the Complaint and request a hearing on this Notice, pursuant to the following section.

V. Procedures Governing This Administrative Litigation

The rules of procedure governing this civil administrative litigation have been set forth in the CROP, which have been codified at 40 C.F.R. Part 22. A copy of such rules accompanies this Complaint.

A. Answering the Complaint

Where Respondents intend to contest any material fact upon which the Complaint is based on, to contend that the proposed penalty is inappropriate, or to contend that Respondents are entitled to judgment as a matter of law, Respondents must file with the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, both an original and one copy of a written Answer to the Complaint. Such Answer must be filed within thirty (30) days after service of the Complaint, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a). The address of the Regional Hearing Clerk of EPA, Region 2, is:

**Regional Hearing Clerk
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
290 Broadway, 16th floor
New York, New York 10007-1866.**

Respondents shall also serve one copy of the Answer to the Complaint upon Complainant and any other party to the action, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a).

Respondents' Answer to the Complaint must clearly and directly admit, deny, or explain each of the factual allegations that are contained in the Complaint and with regard to which Respondents have any knowledge, as required by 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(b). Where Respondents lack knowledge of a particular factual allegation and so state in their Answer to the Complaint, the allegation will be deemed to be denied.

40 C.F.R. § 22.15(b). The Answer to the Complaint shall also set forth: (1) the circumstances or arguments that are alleged to constitute the grounds of defense; (2) the facts that Respondents dispute (and thus intend to place at issue in the proceeding); (3) the basis for opposing the proposed relief; and (4) whether Respondents request a hearing. 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(b).

Respondents' failure to affirmatively raise in the Answer to the Complaint facts that constitute or that might constitute grounds for their defense may preclude Respondents, at a subsequent stage in this proceeding, from raising such facts and/or from having such facts admitted into evidence at a hearing.

B. Opportunity to Request a Hearing

If requested by Respondents in their Answer to the Complaint, a hearing upon the issues raised by the Complaint and Answer may be held. 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c). If, however, Respondents do not request a hearing, the Presiding Officer (as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 22.3) may hold a hearing if the Answer to the Complaint raises issues appropriate for adjudication. 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c).

Any hearing in this proceeding will be held at a location determined in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 22.21(d). A hearing on this matter will be conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §§ 551–59, and the procedures set forth in Subpart D of 40 C.F.R. Part 22.

Should Respondents request a hearing on this proposed penalty assessment, members of the public, to whom EPA is obligated to give notice of this proposed action, will have a right under Section 309(g)(4)(B) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(B), to be heard and to present evidence on the appropriateness of the penalty assessment. Should Respondents not request a hearing, EPA will issue a Final Order, and only members of the public who submit timely comments on this proposal will have an additional thirty (30) days to petition EPA to set aside the Final Order and to hold a hearing thereon. EPA will grant the petition and will hold a hearing only if the petitioner's evidence is material and was not considered by EPA in the issuance of the Final Order.

C. Failure to Answer

If Respondents fail in the Answer to the Complaint to admit, deny, or explain any material factual allegation contained in the Complaint, such failure constitutes an admission of the allegation under 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(d). If Respondents fail to file a timely Answer to the Complaint (i.e., in accordance with the 30-day period set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(a)), Respondents may be found in default upon motion, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.17(a). Default by Respondents constitute, for purposes of the pending proceeding only, an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint and a waiver of Respondents' right to contest such factual allegations. 40 C.F.R. § 22.17(a). Following a default by Respondents for a failure to timely file an Answer to the Complaint, any order issued therefore shall be issued pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.17(c).

Any penalty assessed in the default order shall become due and payable by Respondents without further proceedings thirty (30) days after the Default Order becomes final pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.27(c). 40 C.F.R. § 22.17(d). If necessary, EPA may then seek to enforce such Final Order of Default against Respondents, and to collect the assessed penalty amount, in federal court.

VI. Informal Settlement Conference

Whether or not Respondents request a formal hearing, EPA encourages settlement of this proceeding, consistent with the provisions of the Act and its applicable regulations. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b). At an informal conference with a representative(s) of Complainant, Respondents may comment on the charges made in this Complaint, and Respondents may also provide whatever additional information they believe is relevant to the disposition of this matter, including: (1) actions Respondents have taken to correct any or all of the violations alleged herein; (2) any information relevant to Complainant's calculation of the proposed penalty; (3) the effect that the proposed penalty would have on Respondents' ability to continue in business; and/or (4) any other special facts or circumstances Respondents wish to raise.

Complainant has the authority to modify the amount of the proposed penalty, where appropriate, to reflect any settlement agreement reached with Respondents, to reflect any relevant information previously not known to Complainant, or to dismiss any or all of the charges, if Respondents can demonstrate that the relevant allegations are without merit and that no cause of action exists, as alleged herein. Respondents are referred to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18.

Any request for an informal conference or any questions that Respondents may have regarding this Complaint should be directed to the EPA attorney named in Section VIII, Paragraph 2, below.

The parties may engage in settlement discussions irrespective of whether Respondents have requested a hearing. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(1). Respondents' request for a formal hearing does not prevent them from also requesting an informal settlement conference; the informal conference may be pursued simultaneously with the formal adjudicatory hearing procedure. A request for an informal settlement conference constitutes neither an admission nor a denial of any of the matters alleged in the Complaint. Complainant does not deem a request for an informal settlement conference as a request for a hearing as specified in 40 C.F.R. § 22.15(c).

A request for an informal settlement conference does not affect Respondents' obligation to file a timely Answer to the Complaint pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.15. No penalty reduction, however, will be made simply because an informal settlement conference is held.

Any settlement that may be reached as a result of an informal settlement conference shall be embodied in a written Consent Agreement. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2). In accepting the Consent Agreement, Respondents waive their right to contest the allegations in the Complaint and waive any right to appeal the Final Order that is to accompany the Consent Agreement. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(2). In order to conclude the proceeding, a Final Order ratifying the parties' agreement to settle will be executed. 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(b)(3).

Respondents' entering into a settlement, through the signing of such Consent Agreement, and complying with the terms and conditions set forth in such Consent Agreement terminate this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations set forth in the Complaint. Entering into a settlement does not extinguish, waive, satisfy, or otherwise affect Respondents' obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

VII. Resolution of this Proceeding Without Hearing or Conference

Instead of filing an Answer to the Complaint, Respondents may choose to pay the total amount of the proposed penalty within thirty (30) days after receipt of the Complaint, provided that Respondents file with the Regional Hearing Clerk, Region 2 (at the address noted above), a copy of the check or other instrument of payment authorized under 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a). A copy of the check or other instrument of payment should be provided to the EPA Assistant Regional Counsel identified on Section VIII, paragraph 2. Payment of the penalty assessed should be made by sending a cashier's or certified check payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America" in the full amount of the penalty assessed in this Complaint to the following addressee:

**Regional Hearing Clerk
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
PO Box 360188
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15251.**

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3), if Respondents elect to pay the full amount of the penalty proposed in the Complaint within thirty (30) days of receiving the Complaint, then, upon EPA's receipt of such payment, the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 2 (or, if designated, the Regional Judicial Officer), shall issue a Final Order pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3). Under 40 C.F.R. § 22.45(c)(3), no Final Order shall be issued until at least ten (10) days after the close of the comment period on this Complaint.

Issuance of a Final Order terminates this administrative litigation and the civil proceedings arising out of the allegations made in the Complaint. Further, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 22.18(a)(3), the making of such payment by Respondents shall constitute a waiver of Respondents' right both to contest the allegations made in the Complaint and to appeal said Final Order to Federal Court. Such payment does not extinguish, waive, satisfy or otherwise affect Respondents' obligation and responsibility to comply with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, and to maintain such compliance.

VIII. Filing of Documents

1. The original and one copy of the Answer and any Hearing Request and all subsequent documents filed in this action should be sent to:

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

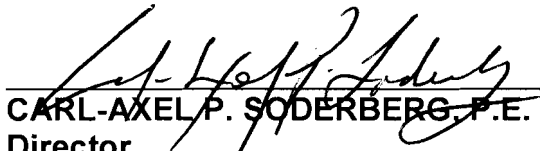
2. A copy of the Answer, any Hearing Request and all subsequent documents filed in this action shall be sent to:

**Roberto M. Durango, Esq.
Office of Regional Counsel
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
1492 Ponce de León Ave., Suite 417
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00907-4127
Telephone: (787) 977-5822
Fax: (787) 729-7748.**

IX. General Provisions

1. Respondents have a right to be represented by an attorney at any stage of these proceedings.
2. This Complaint does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of the Act, regulations promulgated thereunder, or any applicable permit.
3. Neither assessment nor payment of an administrative civil penalty pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Act will affect Respondents' continuing obligation to comply with the Act, and with any separate Compliance Order issued under Section 309(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(a), for the violations alleged herein.

ISSUED THIS 29th DAY OF September, 2009.


CARL-AXEL P. SODERBERG, P.E.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day caused to be sent the foregoing **Administrative Complaint**, dated September 30, 2009, and bearing the above-referenced docket number, in the following manner to the respective addressees below:

Original by **Federal Express** to:

Karen Maples
Regional Hearing Clerk
Region 2
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
290 Broadway, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866.

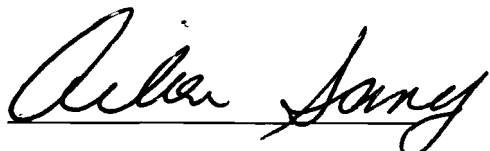
Copy by **Certified Mail Return Receipt** to:

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P.O. Box 9021990
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902-1990

Mr. Israel Quintana
President
Cidra Excavation, S.E.
P.O. Box 11218
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San Juan P.R. 00922

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Environmental Quality Board
PO Box 11488
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cc: **Wanda García**
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