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**Re: Notice of Proposed Assessment of a Civil Penalty
Municipality of Rio Grande
Docket Number CWA-02-2009-3458**
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To Whom It May Concern:

We acknowledge the receipt of a letter dated March 31, 2009 with regards to the above referenced matter. In summary, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has notified our client the Municipality of Rio Grande that the USEPA has issued a complaint with regards to the failure of the municipality to apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for its storm water discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer systems into water of the United States.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully inform the USEPA that we are in the process of evaluating the above referenced complaint with our client and will need an additional 30 days to file the answer. Also we kindly request a hearing to review the factual allegations of the complaint and the penalty proposed in the complaint.

We appreciate your time assistance. Should you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 787-756-8748.

Cordially,


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