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Dear EPA Region 2 Enforcement Team,

I am submitting this comment in strong support of robust federal enforcement and a meaningful penalty in the Tres Palmas Sunset View case in Rincón and in ALL of Puerto Rico's coastline.

This property has a documented history of unpermitted clearing, construction activity, and sediment runoff directly impacting a federally protected coastal ecosystem, including the Tres Palmas Marine Reserve. This conduct extends to all of Puerto Rico's coastline, undermining its stability, wasting federal and local financial resources and threatening community safety..

Given the history of repeated compliance concerns and observed violations, we respectfully request that EPA:

- 1. Impose the maximum appropriate penalty
- 2. Require corrective environmental restoration
- 3. Ensure continued monitoring and compliance reporting

This case sets an important precedent. Developers must understand that Puerto Rico's coastal ecosystems are not disposable and that federal environmental laws apply here as fully as anywhere in the United States. The constant violations keep happening without consequences, creating a Godzilla that feels more empowered, disrespecting law and order

We thank the EPA for its continued attention and enforcement efforts in Rincón. The community supports strong action to protect public coastal resources and prevent further damage.

EPA needs to regain control of PR's coastline and natural resources.

Respectfully,

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