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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulation (33 CFR 230.11), this letter constitutes the Notice of Availability of the draft supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) and proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Loíza Section 14 Continuing Authorities Program Project located in the Municipality of Loíza in Puerto Rico.

The purpose of the project is to protect existing public infrastructure along the Loíza shoreline from erosion and storm damages. The recommended plan consists of the placement of a continuous rock revetment along approximately 1,050 feet of shoreline in front of the public road, head start public school, and community center (Figure 1). As described in the 2018 Integrated Feasibility Report and EA (IFR/EA), the construction was to occur above Mean High Water (MHW). However, continued shoreline erosion now requires construction below MHW which was not evaluated in the 2018 IFR/EA. Therefore, this draft supplemental EA evaluates only those effects from construction below MHW.

The elevation of the revetment crest will be approximately 9.0-ft to 10.0-ft (Puerto Rico Vertical Datum 2002) with a crest width of 10.0-ft. The landward side of the revetment will include over-wash protection which consists of high performance turf reinforcement mat keyed in between the existing road and revetment. By constructing the Recommended Plan, the existing public infrastructure will be protected from the continued erosion and storm damages.

The draft supplemental EA and Proposed FONSI, as well as the 2018 IFR/EA, are available for your review on the Jacksonville District's Environmental planning website, under Puerto Rico:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx>

Any questions or comments you may have should be provided within 30 days from the date of this letter by email to paul.m.demarco@usace.army.mil or contact by telephone at 904-232-1897.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela E. Dunn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela E. Dunn
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Figure 1. Study Area of Loiza, Puerto Rico.