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CORPS OF ENGINEERS, JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

Planning and Policy Division
Environmental Branch

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To Whom It May Concern:

This scoping letter is being promulgated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District (Corps) in compliance with public coordination requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this correspondence is to formally initiate the scoping process as defined by 40 CFR 1501.7 for the Puerto Rico Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Study. The purpose of the scoping period is to commence the public process for the generation of a NEPA document to assess the effects of the potential alternatives to reduce coastal storm damages to infrastructure along the coastline of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Attachment 1).

A public scoping meeting will be held on November 6, 2018, at the El Teatro Manuel Mendez Ballester, 5th Floor of la Casa Alcadia, Ave. San Carlos #11, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Additional information is available on our Environmental Documents Web Page at <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx>.

Preliminary alternatives under consideration include, but are not limited to, shoreline revetment, breakwaters, and sand placement as well as non-structural measures. We welcome your views, comments and information about environmental and cultural resources, study objectives and important features within the described study area, as well as any suggested improvements. Responses received will aid in determining the scope of the analysis and any potentially significant issues associated with coastal storm damage reduction in Puerto Rico. Letters of comment or inquiry should be addressed to the letterhead address to the attention of the Planning Division, Environmental Branch and received by this office within 30 days of the date of this letter.

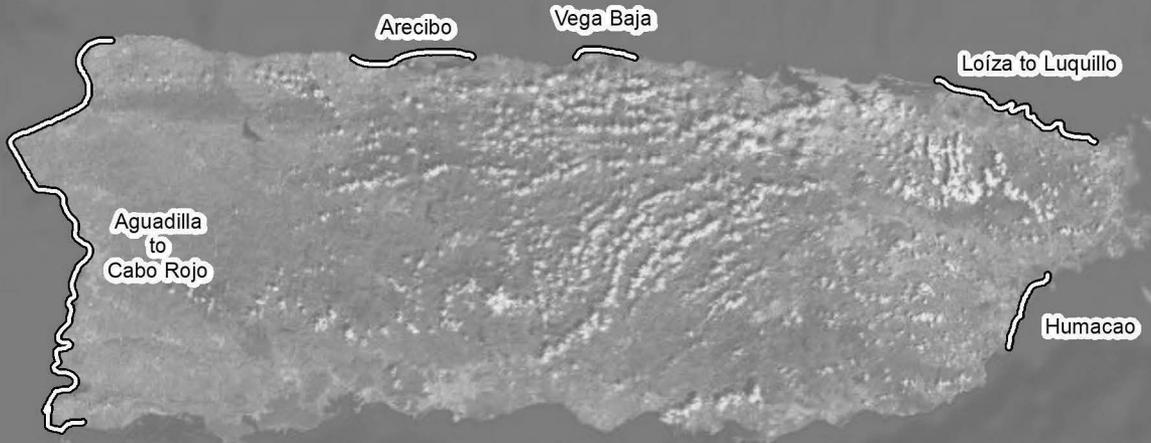
If you have any questions, contact Mr. Paul DeMarco at 904 232-1897 or at paul.m.demarco@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Paduano Ralph".

Gina Paduano Ralph, Ph.D.
Chief, Environmental Branch

Enclosure



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of Engineers**®
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Puerto Rico Coastal Study:
Coastal Storm Risk Management
Possible Study Areas

Puerto Rico

 Possible Study Area

0  20 Miles

