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To Whom it May Concern:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Caribbean District (Corps) is beginning preparation of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessment for a proposed flood damage reduction study initiated under the authority of Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 (P.L. 80-858). The purpose of this study is to identify flood risk management measures to reduce flood damages in the project area in Aibonito, Puerto Rico. Aibonito is located on the main island of Puerto Rico midway between San Juan and Ponce, and west of Cayey. The study will focus on the downtown area of the City of Aibonito. The Municipality of Aibonito is the Non-Federal Sponsor (NFS) for this study.

Within the study area, there are residential and commercial properties, bridges, forested areas, emergency services.

Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948 provides authority for the Corps to carry out flood damage reduction studies in partnership with non-Federal government agencies, such as cities, counties, or units of state government. The purpose of this study is to (1) reduce risks to health and life safety from severe riverine flooding due to storms and (2) reduction of flood damages to infrastructure.

We invite the participation of Federal and state agencies, local agencies, interested parties, and individuals interested in providing comments and identifying any issues or concerns. We also welcome your views, comments, and information about environmental and cultural resources, study objectives, and important features within the described project area. Please share this notice with any interested party.

Send any comments you have to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attention of Mr. Alberto Alvarado, Fundación A. Ramos, Edificio Anexo 202, Ave. Franklin D. Roosevelt 383, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918 or to Aibonitocap205@usace.army.mil within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter.

All individuals who respond with comments will be included in future mailings. Others may be added to the mailing list by making a written request by email to the same address or by email. All comments will be provided to the project team to inform the

planning and development of the Aibonito Continuing Authorities Program (CAP) 205 Feasibility study.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alberto Alvarado at (904) 232-1238 or via email at alberto.o.alvarado@usace.army.mil. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
Map of the proposed project area.



Figure 1. Map of the proposed project area.