



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT CORPS OF ENGINEERS
ANTILLES OFFICE
400 FERNANDEZ JUNCOS AVENUE
SAN JUAN, PR 00901-3299

July 20, 2015

Antilles Regulatory Section
SAJ-1996-02987 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02256 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02257 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02258 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02260 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02265 (NW-DCM)
SAJ-2015-02266 (NW-DCM)

Dr. Ernesto Otero-Morales
Department of Marine Sciences
University of Puerto Rico – Mayagüez Campus
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Mayagüez, Puerto Rico 00681

Dear Dr. Otero-Morales:

Reference is made to your Department of the Army (DA) permit application submitted through Joint Permit Application (JPA) number 1431, for the proposed restoration of various docks located within the premises of, or associated to, the Magueyes Island field station of the Department of Marine Sciences of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez. Magueyes Island is situated approximately 0.05 miles south of La Parguera coastal town, Parguera Ward, Municipality of Lajas, Puerto Rico. The proposed project includes seven sites located in navigable waters of the Caribbean Sea along the northern and western coasts of Magueyes Island, and at the shoreline on the main island. The application has been assigned seven permit application numbers as follows:

- SAJ-1996-02987 (NW-DCM): Restoration of main island dock and causeway (MT)
- SAJ-2015-02256 (NW-DCM): Restoration of Magueyes Island main entrance concrete dock (MB)
- SAJ-2015-02257 (NW-DCM): Restoration of wooden dock at the northern coast of Magueyes Island (MQ)
- SAJ-2015-02258 (NW-DCM): Restoration of L-shape wooden dock and associated dive shack (Dock G)
- SAJ-2015-02260 (NW-DCM): Restoration of wooden dock at the western coast of Magueyes Island (MBP-1)
- SAJ-2015-02265 (NW-DCM): Restoration of small wooden dock at the western coast of Magueyes Island (MBP-2)
- SAJ-2015-02266 (NW-DCM): Restoration of wooden dock at the southwestern coast of Magueyes Island (MA)

Please refer to these numbers in future correspondence concerning this project.

Please be advised that the information submitted is not sufficient for us to fully evaluate your proposal. Therefore, please furnish this office the information detailed below:

a. Joint Permit Application (JPA) Form: Please be advised that the JPA form submitted was not signed by the applicant, as required. Therefore, please sign the attached copy of the JPA form in the space provided in item 27 and submit to our office.

b. Project Description: Although the permit application package included a general description of the proposed activities and the methodology to complete the project construction, some information needs to be clarified or was not provided. Specifically, please provide a detailed description of the proposed activities to be conducted in navigable waters of the U.S. associated to the restoration of each of the existing docks. In addition, please describe the proposed methods to complete the restoration of the docks. In this regard, please clarify whether the proposed restoration activities would be conducted from uplands or from within the water, and if they would require the use of a barge or other type of vessel. Also, please clarify whether the footprint in navigable waters of the U.S. of all the proposed structures to be repaired/restored would remain the same or would be modified.

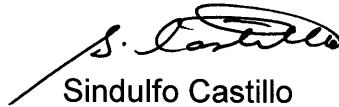
c. Project Drawings: Please provide new/revised plan and lateral view drawings in letter size paper, clearly illustrating the dimensions of the existing and proposed structures (as applicable), the specific location of the dock pilings proposed to be replaced, and the mean high tide line.

As the application is considered incomplete, no action will be taken on it until the required information has been received. We request you provide this information within 30 days. If no response is received, we will assume you have no further interest in obtaining a DA permit and the application will be withdrawn. Such action will constitute final action by the DA.

You are cautioned that work performed below the mean high waterline or ordinary high waterline in waters of the United States, or the discharge of dredged or fill material into adjacent wetlands, without a DA permit could be subject to enforcement action. Receipt of a State permit does not obviate the requirement for obtaining a DA permit for the work described above prior to commencing work.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this request for additional information, please contact Mrs. Deborah J. Cedeño-Maldonado, Project Manager, at the letterhead address or by telephone at (787) 729-6905, extension 3061.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Castillo", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Sindulfo Castillo
Chief, Antilles Regulatory Section

Enclosure

SOL. CONJUNTA

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT
33 CFR 325. The proponent agency is CECW-CO-R.

Form Approved -
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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

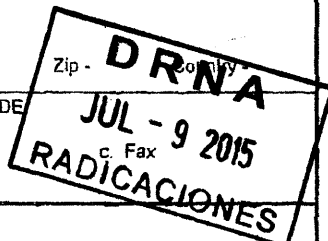
Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned.

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)

1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
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(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME First - Ernesto Middle - Last - Otero Company - University of Puerto Rico Dept. of Marine Sciences E-mail Address - ernesto.otero3@upr.edu			8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required) First - Middle - Last - Company - E-mail Address -		
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS: Address- PO Box 9000 City - Mayaguez State - PR Zip - 00681 Country - USA			9. AGENT'S ADDRESS: Address- City - State - Zip -		
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE Nos. w/AREA CODE a. Residence 787- b. Business 787-899-2048 c. Fax 787-265-3838			10. AGENTS PHONE Nos. w/AREA CODE a. Residence b. Business c. Fax		



STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

I, I hereby authorize, _____ to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

[Signature] 20/5/15
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions) Magueyes Island Dock Maintenance	
13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable) Bight of La Parguera, Caribbean Sea	14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable) Address Road 304 end
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT Latitude: +N 17o 58.23' Longitude: -W 67o 2.66'	City - Lajas State- PR Zip- 00667
16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions) State Tax Parcel ID Municipality Lajas Section - La Parguera Township - La Parguera Range - Magueyes Island	

17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

Magueyes Island is located in the Municipality of Lajas on the southwest coast of Puerto Rico. Access to Magueyes Island is via the dock at the end of Road 304 at La Parguera . Visitors to the island transit from there aboard a pontoon boat property of the Department of Marine Sciences (DMS) of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez.

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

DMS operates a field station on Magueyes Island. About 100 people work on the island. The Department operates a fleet of 2 inboard launches and eleven outboard motor boats. Docks at Magueyes island serving these operations include "almodovar" dock, small boats, large boats, chemistry and transit docks in addition to the dock on the main island that serves for transit to Magueyes island (see attached plans).

We propose:

- (1) Re-planking and minor out-of-water repairs to Magueyes Island docks
- (2) Replacement of up to 5 pilings under the dive shack adjacent to dock G
- (3) Repairs to the cement causeway at the land-end of the transit dock to Magueyes (on the main island).

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

The purpose of the projects is to guarantee uninterrupted continuation of educational and research activities on the part of students and professors of the DMS. Access to the marine environment through these docks and the department fleet is essential to the mission of the DMS.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

Although owned and maintained by DMS, the transit dock on the main island is used by DNRE, the PR Police Force, the Municipality of Lajas and recreational boaters. It supports one of only two haul-out ramps in La Parguera. The sea-end of this dock is wooden while the land-end is a filled causeway. Rubble filling supporting the causeway at the land-end of this dock has been eroded by propwash and vehicle movement during boat hauling operations. Part of the causeway has already been eroded away (see photo) and part is undermined and in danger of collapse.

We propose to replace the eroded rubble filling and resurface the concrete causeway. Materials are on hand. Repair work will commence upon receipt of the permit.

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type	Type	Type
Amount in Cubic Yards	Amount in Cubic Yards	Amount in Cubic Yards
40		

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres
or
Linear Feet 60

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

See Attached document

24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? Yes No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

Some planks of the main island dock were replaced due to their advanced deterioration and the danger to personnel transiting to the island. Likewise, some planks forming the floor of the dive shack were replaced and one piling was driven due to imminent danger of collapse.

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list)

a. Address- None. The property of interest is an island

City - State - Zip -

b. Address-

City - State - Zip -

c. Address-

City - State - Zip -

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED

* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF AGENT

DATE

The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

18 U.S.C. Section 1001 provides that: Whoever, in any manner within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States knowingly and willfully falsifies, conceals, or covers up any trick, scheme, or disguises a material fact or makes any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations or makes or uses any false writing or document knowing same to contain any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or entry, shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.