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ATTENTION OF

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Antilles Regulatory Section

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Environmental Impact Statement

Scoping Process

Public Scoping Meeting

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** The purpose of this notice is to invite interested parties to a public scoping meeting as part of the Scoping Process for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Jacksonville District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Las Americas Transshipment Port Complex, being proposed by the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority (AFI, acronym in Spanish). The purpose of the Scoping Process is to provide an early and open process to determine the scope of the issues to be addressed and analyzed in the EIS, pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C, 4371 et seq., 43 CFR Section 1501.7).

**PUBLIC MEETING:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public scoping meeting on November 1, 2001, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place at Ponce Holiday Inn, Km 123.5, PR Highway 1, Ponce, Puerto Rico. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested citizens to verbally present their comments on the scope of the draft EIS for Las Americas Transshipment Port Complex. Speakers should identify the particular issue concerned and the geographic area relevant to that issue in addition to or in lieu of written comments. Comments may be made on more than one issue. After consideration of the comments, the Corps will define the scope of the EIS. Speakers are requested to be prepared to limit verbal statements to no more than 5 minutes each in order to ensure all attendees who wish to speak will have an opportunity to do so. This may be adjusted depending on the number of attendees. Groups should select a spoke person. For accuracy of the record, all relevant information should be submitted in writing at the hearing or be mailed to the Corps. Speakers will not be sworn in and cross-examination will not be permitted. The public meeting will be recorded. Written statements will be accepted until November 5, 2001. The public scoping meeting will be held in Spanish.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions on this public notice, you may contact Mr. Edwin E. Muñiz at the letterhead address or by telephone at (787) 729-6905/6944.

  
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