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Mr. Hernan Horta
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Health
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
P. O. Box 70184
San Juan, PR 00936-8184

Dear Mr. Horta:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and your staff last Thursday. As we discussed, we plan to perform environmental surveys, on Vieques, in response to the public health concerns stemming from the firing of depleted uranium munitions on the live impact area of the Naval Range. In addition to using specialized instrumentation for measuring environmental radiation levels, our team also plans to collect samples of soil, surface water, vegetation, and silt for laboratory analysis. We request your assistance in obtaining these environmental samples.

If you have any questions, please give me a call. We would be happy to provide you any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

/RA/
Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

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