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Carmen Feliciano de Melecio, MD
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Dear Dr. Feliciano:

I want to express my sincerest gratitude for the assistance Osiris Siurano Pérez, Sandra Rodríguez, and Lourdes Maldonado provided to the members of my staff who collected the environmental samples from Vieques Island in June. My staff was impressed with the professional manner with which these individuals conducted themselves and the hard working, cooperative approach they had towards work that involved long hours and difficult and uncomfortable working conditions. Their support enabled my staff to complete the environmental sampling in a more efficient and less time consuming manner. My staff also benefitted from their assistance when citizens of Vieques approached the environmental survey team with questions regarding the survey and the presence of depleted uranium at the Navy's firing range.

The people of Puerto Rico are fortunate to have such dedicated civil servants working to ensure their safety and health. Please pass along my ardent thanks to these outstanding members of your staff.

Sincerely,

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Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

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