



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 2
CARIBBEAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION
CITY VIEW PLAZA II BUILDING, 7TH FLOOR
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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**Re: The Cliff Villas Hotel and Country Club Construction Project in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico
Administrative Compliance Order
Docket Number CWA-02-2022-3108**

Dear Mr. Román González:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) has made findings that The Cliff Corp. and Grupo Caribe, LLC (“Respondents”) are in violation of Section 301(a) and 402 of the Clean Water Act (the “Act”), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311(a) and 1342. Enclosed please find an electronic copy of an Administrative Compliance Order (the “Order”), Docket Number CWA-02-2022-3108, issued pursuant to Section 309(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(a), which details the findings of violation.

Within five (5) calendar days upon receipt of this Order by electronic mail (“email”), a corporate official shall complete the acknowledgment of receipt included as Attachment 2 of the Order and return it via email and certified mail to the following EPA designated official:

Mr. José A. Rivera, BSCE
Team Leader
Clean Water Act Team
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Also, any other documents to be submitted to EPA as part of this Order shall be sent to the designated EPA official named above by electronic mail.

The EPA acknowledges that the COVID-19 pandemic may be impacting Respondents' operations. If that is the case, EPA will consider, at its sole discretion, Respondents specific circumstances that could affect a timely response to Section IV (Ordered Provisions) of the Order, while ensuring that EPA receives the relevant information it needs to effectively evaluate the actions Respondents have taken or will take to comply with Sections 301(a) and 402 of the Act.

Failure to comply with the Order may subject Respondents to civil and/or criminal penalties pursuant to Section 309 of the Act. Failure to comply with this Order may also subject Respondents to ineligibility for participation in work associated with Federal contracts, grants, or loans.

EPA encourages Respondents to become familiar with the Small Business Resource Information Sheet, which is available at <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/small-business-resources-information-sheet>. This Information Sheet provides an array of resources, including workshops, training sessions, hotlines, websites and guides, to help small businesses understand and comply with federal and state environmental laws. In addition to helping small businesses understand their environmental obligations and improve compliance, these resources will also help such businesses find cost-effective ways to comply through pollution prevention techniques and innovative technologies.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Rivera, Team Leader, Clean Water Act Team, at (787) 977-5842, or by email at rivera.jose@epa.gov.

EPA urges your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Carmen R. Guerrero Pérez
Director
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division

Enclosure

cc: Daniel Jones, Grupo Caribe, LLC (via email at djones@hotmail.es with enclosure)
Ángel Meléndez, DNER/WQA (via email at angel.melendez@drna.pr.gov with enclosure)