



Clean Water Act Section 404: Site Visit/Case Development

For inspections authorized pursuant to Clean Water Act sections 308 and 404 (33 U.S.C. §§ 1318 and 1344)

This report includes only factual information gained by documentation, onsite observations, and/or onsite interviews.

Inspector Name(s)	Sofia Olivero Lora Seika Robinson	Time In	11:15AM	Start Date	June 14, 2024
		Time Out	12:00 PM	End Date	June 14, 2024
Inspector's Organization	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency				
Organization Requesting Inspection (if different)					
Inspection Type	Evaluation	Inspection Status	Original		
Site Name	Caño la Puente				
Site Address*	PR-115, Añasco Abajo Ward (Tax parcels #154-000-007-06-901, #154-000-007-11-000, 154-000-007-10-000)				
City*	Añasco	County*	Añasco	State*	PR
				Zip Code*	00610
Mailing Address*	Eduardo Jose Artau Feliciano - (b) (6)				
City*		County*		State*	PR
				Zip Code*	
Latitude*	18.280749	Longitude*	-67.169095		
Estimated Size of Site (acres)	54.2	Is there a home on the site?	☐ Yes ☒ No		
Inspector Signature	SOFIA OLIVERO LORA  Digitally signed by SOFIA OLIVERO LORA Date: 2024.08.15 14:46:56 -04'00'			Date	
Supervisor Signature	 Digitally signed by MARCO FINOCCHIARO Date: 2024.08.28 15:41:22 -04'00'			Date	

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Site Name	Caño la Puente	Start Date	June 14, 2024
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Inspection Purpose	Initial site visit		
Opening Conference			
☒ Presentation of Inspector Credentials Name and Title (Use N/A if owner/operator not available to join the inspection) Mr. Frank Valentín, father of operator (Mr. Efraín Valentín)			
☐ Opening Conference Name of person authorizing access if applicable Eduardo José Artau Feliciano granted access to his property (Tax parcel #154-000-007-11-000) via phone on June 3, 2024. Jorge López in representation of his father Felix López Iñigo (currently 101 years old) granted access to their properties (Tax parcels #154-000-007-06-901 and #154-000-007-10-000) via phone on June 7, 2024.			
Notes from Opening Conference Mr. Frank Valentín, father of operator (Mr. Efraín Valentín) explained his son was unable to be present due to a recent health intervention. EPA explained the purpose of the inspection, its role (versus that of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers), and what areas would be inspected.			
☒ Access Issues if Any Describe RP-115 was closed because of repairs. GOV was left at the beginning of the road close to the intersection with PR-2 where EPA inspectors met with Mr. Valentín for opening conference and then proceeded by foot to the properties to conduct the inspection without Mr. Valentín present.			
Inspection Observations and Sample Collection			
Site Owner/Site Operator/Responsible Party (Name, title and contact information) Operator: Efraín Valentín (b) (6) Owner 1: Eduardo José Artau Feliciano (b) (6) - Tax parcel #154-000-007-11-000 Owner 2: Jorge Lopez (b) (6) - Tax parcels #154-000-007-06-901 and 154-000-007-10-000			
Additional Persons Present at Inspection Seika Robinson, Inspector, EPA Region 2			
General Site Characteristics (layout of property, etc.) The Site in question is comprised of three different parcels from two different owners of approximately 54.2 acres (although one of the tax parcels extends beyond the area of interest). The northern boundary of the Site is delimited by perennial stream Quebrada Larga, which connects to the west and southern portions of the Site with canal Caño la Puente, a navigable water connecting to the Caribbean Sea. The Site is bordered by PR-115 at its eastern portion. Most of the Site is currently identified as freshwater emergent wetland by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wetland Inventory.			



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Purpose and Need for Discharge of Dredged and/or Fill Material			
N/A			
Site Overview (Past inspections, site description, permits, etc.)			
There are no known U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits for any activity or jurisdictional determination that have been issued for the Site.			
Scope of Inspection (Areas inspected or not inspected)			
EPA walked around the Site, particularly on the southern part and conducted an inspection.			

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Environmental Conditions (e.g., wind, rain, smoke, dust, temperature, snow)			
June 14, 2024: Temperatures were in the 90s (degrees in F), sunny, dry season. National Weather Service issued Heat Advisory (Heat Index $108 \geq 111$ degrees. Heat exhaustion or heat stroke likely with prolonged exposure) from 10AM to 6PM.			
Field Work Conducted			
During the inspection, EPA collected, photographs (see Attachment A), and handwritten notes. Observations were recorded during the dry season. No soil pits were dug during this inspection.			
EPA entered the Site via PR-115 and walked the southern part from east to west looking for signs of potential issues of concern. No fill was identified on the Site which showed evidence of past tilling activity.			
Closing Conference			
Documents Received and/or Requested During the Inspection			
N/A			
Compliance Assistance Provided (If any)			
N/A			
Observations Relayed to Site Owner/Operator			
N/A			
Actions Taken by Owner/Operator During the Inspection (If any)			
N/A			
Potential Issues of Concern Including Regulatory Citations			
N/A			
Attachments*			
☐ Maps and Sketches ☒ Photographs (including location) and Photo Log ☐ Other (SSIP, Wetlands Delineation Forms, etc.)			
Additional Notes			
Tax parcels #154-000-007-06-901, #154-000-007-11-000, and 154-000-007-10-000 in the Municipality of Añasco, Puerto Rico.			

Attachment A: Photolog

CWA 404 Inspection

Caño la Puente - Añasco

Tax parcel numbers 154-000-007-06-901, 154-000-007-11-000, and 154-000-007-10-000 in the Municipality of Añasco, Puerto Rico

June 14, 2024



Date: 6/14/3023

Time: 11:32 AM

Photographer: Sofía Olivero Lora

Photo ID: P6141082

Description: Northwest View of properties.

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Date: 6/14/3023

Time: 11:32 AM

Photographer: Sofia Olivero Lora

Photo ID: P6141080

Description: Eastern view of properties.

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Date: 6/14/3023

Time: 11:32 AM

Photographer: Sofía Olivero Lora

Photo ID: P6141083

Description: Partial view of property to the west.
Caño la Puente can be observed.

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