PUERTO RICO’S LISTED FEDERAL ACTIONS

FEDERAL ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Certain categories of federal action can generally be acknowledged as not affecting the coastal zone. These include:

- Radio transmission and maintenance of navigation aids placed or authorized by the U. S. Coast Guard; and
- Any action for which the agencies’ environmental impact procedures, established pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, do not require issuance of an Environmental Impact Statement or negative declaration.

Other activities and projects generally can be considered as significantly affecting the coastal zone. These activities include:

- Federal agencies applying for licenses and permits,
- Development projects in the coastal zone,
- Land acquisition in the coastal zone,
- Road construction in the watershed,
- Waste discharge in the watershed,
- Activities affecting or altering surface runoff quality or quantity in the coastal watershed, and the coastal zone, and
- Dredge, fill, development, construction, or waste discharge in coastal waters.

FEDERAL LICENSES AND PERMITS

Department of Defense – U.S. Army Corp of Engineers:
- Permits and licenses required under Sections 9 and 10 of the River and Harbor Act of 1899
- Permits and licenses required under Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 (Ocean Dumping)
- Permits and licenses required under Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 and amendments

Nuclear Regulatory Commission:
- Permits and licenses required for siting and operation of nuclear power plants

Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management:
- Permits for pipeline rights-of-way

Department of Transportation – U.S. Coast Guard:
- Permits for construction of bridges under 33 USC 401, 4591-507, and 525-534
- Permits for deep-water ports (33 CFR 158 et seq.)

Department of Energy/FERC
- Permits for construction and operation of natural gas pipelines and terminal facilities

Department of Interior – U.S. Geological Survey (Section 307(c)(3)(B)):
- OCS plans that describe in detail Federal license and permit activities (Review pursuant to Section 307(c)(3)(B) of the CZMA)