

**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
PUERTO RICO PLANNING BOARD**

September 13, 2023

CZ-2024-0825-021

**Federal Consistency Certification with the
Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program**

RESOLUTION

**TO NOTIFY PARTIES ABOUT THE EMISSION OF A FEDERAL CONSISTENCY
CERTIFICATE ACCORDING TO COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT
FEDERAL CONSISTENCY REGULATIONS AT
15 CFR Part 930**

The US NAVY submitted Federal Consistency Determination on August 21, 2023, for the replacement of a fuel storage tank in the United States Navy Radio Transmitter Facility (NRFT) in Aguada Puerto Rico. During the 2022 hurricane season impacts to the site further damaged existing tank, but identified that it was under capacity, which led to negative mission interruptions and impacts. The proposed federal activity consists in the replacement of an underground 20,000 gallons fuel storage tank by two aboveground fuel storage tanks (AST) on concrete slabs. The two new ASTs will be double wall steel UL-2085. All piping will be 304L stainless steel aboveground or HDPE double wall – 2% carbon with fire rating underground. Pumps will have line leak detectors to measure any drop in line pressure and anti-siphon mechanisms. Fill ports will have overfilled containment. Tanks will have automatic tank gauging to monitor the status. The ASTs must be installed by certified petroleum storage tank contractors. The contents to be stored in the AST's is #2 Diesel Fuel. Inspections of the two aboveground Storage Tanks will be performed monthly.

The project site is located within the Navy's Federal property located at Carrizal Ward and Tablonal Community, Road PR-441 in Aguada, Puerto Rico.

After the required evaluation of the submitted documents and available information at file, The Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) made the following findings:

- According to the FEMA Advisory Maps of April 13, 2018, the proposed Tanks removal and replacement project will be performed within Zone A of flooding risk and the floodway of Culebrinas River. Therefore, the fuel storage tanks, and infrastructure will be subject to severe flooding hazard especially during the storms and rains that are frequent within the Caribbean region. This condition increases the risk of possible accidents that compromise water quality within the jurisdiction of Puerto Rico.
- The existing tank has an actual capacity to store 20,000 gallons of fuel (Diesel #2) and will be replaced by two tanks of 25,000 gallons significantly increasing the amount of stored fuel in the site to 50,000 gallons.
- The proposed project is necessary to guarantee National Security.

Considering the above-mentioned findings, the PRPB in its meeting of September 13, 2023, **concur with Navy's Federal Consistency Determination under the following conditions:**

1. The design must comply with provisions of the PRPB Special Flood Hazard Areas Regulation (Planning Regulation Number 13) and apply all required measures established at the federal and state level regarding the management of floodplains.
2. The Navy must file the required "Tank replacement permit" at the Water Quality Division of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) and comply with the requirements of this agency for the design and construction of the proposed fuel storage facility.
3. Obtain the required endorsements from the Puerto Rican Culture Institute (PRCI) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to guarantee the conservation of archaeological and historic resources.
4. Submit a copy of the Pollution Prevention Plan and the DNER, PRCI and SHPO endorsements to the Office of Geology and Hydrogeology Office of the Puerto Rico Planning Board at least 60 days before beginning the construction phase of the project.

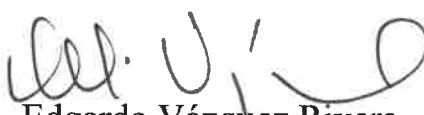
The following parties shall be notified: Wendy Dauberman Zerby, U.S. Navy; Alberto Mercado Vargas, PRCZMP Office, DNER; Angel Melendez Aguilar, Water Quality Area, DNER.



Julio Lassús Ruiz, LLM, MP, PPL
President

Certify: That this Resolution is copy of the agreement adopted by Puerto Rico Planning Board (PRPB) in its meeting of **September 13, 2023**. I issue and notify this copy to the parties under my sign and official Puerto Rico Planning Board stamp, for general use and knowledge.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today **SEP 27 2023**



Edgardo Vázquez Rivera
Acting Secretary

