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NRC OFFICIAL TO HOLD NEWS CONFERENCE IN SAN JUAN TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING OF VIEQUES ISLAND COMMUNITIES

The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's top official in the Southeastern United States will hold a news conference in San Juan at 2:00 p.m. this Wednesday (October 4) at the Hampton Inn in Isla Verde to discuss the final results of an environmental sampling program aimed at detection of radioactive material at Vieques Island's military areas and the communities of Isabel Segunda and Esperanza.

Luis A. Reyes, administrator of the NRC's Region II office in Atlanta, will also explain how the agency is continuing its regulatory oversight function as navy personnel work to remove radioactive depleted uranium rounds inadvertently fired at the island during a past military exercise.

Mr. Reyes, a native of Puerto Rico, will conduct the news conference in both Spanish and English and copies of the NRC report (in English only) will be available to reporters.

Electronic media personnel are requested to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the 2:00 news conference in order to set up necessary equipment.

Mr. Reyes will be available following the news conference for individual interviews by interested reporters who attend.

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