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**RE: Waiver of Water Quality Certification – LaoLao Bay Dive Path Markers,  
WQC-2022-002**

Dear Mr. Salas:

We have received your request and supporting materials for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) on March 09, 2022 for the **LaoLao Bay Dive Path Markers** (Project) to be installed in the waters of LaoLao Bay, Saipan, CNMI. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has stated that they intend to authorize this project under a Letter of Permission (LOP) pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

Based on the application materials submitted, including a Project Description and Best Management Practices (BMPs), DEQ has determined the project to be “minor and non-controversial” and hereby waives the requirement to obtain a Section 401 WQC for this project in accordance with NMIAC T65-130-615(g). You must notify DEQ of any substantial changes to the project that may require reconsideration of this waiver determination.

If you have any questions regarding this Water Quality Certification waiver, please contact our office at telephone numbers 664-8500/8501.

Sincerely,

  
Eli D. Cabrera,  
Administrator

cc: Director, DFW; Albert Williams-ACOE; Steve McKagan-NOAA