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RE: Waiver of Water Quality Certification – Rota West Harbor Marina WQC-2020-003

Dear Ms. Manglona:

We have received your application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC), dated August 19, 2020 for the **Rota West Harbor Small Boat Marina Repairs of Floating Dock** to be installed in the waters of Rota West Harbor, Rota, CNMI. NMIAC 65-130-615(g) of the CNMI Water Quality Standards authorizes the Administrator of BECQ to waive the requirement for a Section 401 WQC for activities which received a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers nationwide permit, and which are considered by DEQ to be “minor and non-controversial.”

Based on the application materials submitted, and an e-mail dated August 27, 2020 from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stating that they intend authorize your project under Nationwide Permit No. 03 or No. 28 (NWP-03, Maintenance or NWP-28, Modifications of Existing Marinas), BECQ hereby waives the requirement to obtain a Section 401 WQC for this project as authorized under NMIAC 65-130-615(g) of the CNMI Water Quality Standards. You must notify BECQ of any substantial change 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

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