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**RE: Waiver of Water Quality Certification – Saipan Coral Nursery Pilot Project,
WQC-2019-006**

Dear Ms. Johnston:

We have received your cover letter and Water Quality Certification application for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) waiver on May 14, 2019 for the **Saipan Coral Nursery Pilot Project** (project) to be installed in the waters of Saipan Lagoon, Mañagaha Marine Conservation Area, Saipan, CNMI. On May 1, 2019, the project received a "Letter of Permission" (LOP) from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

Based on the application materials submitted, BECQ has determined the project to be "minor and non-controversial" and hereby waives the requirement to obtain a Section 401 WQC for this project. You must notify BECQ 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,


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