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Dear doctor Jiménez:

Thank you for providing EPA with a copy of your report: **Report on the VIA VERDE Project of the Electric Energy Authority Titled GASODUCTO de Puerto Rico: Technical Evaluation**

As you are aware, EPA formally apprised the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers not to issue a permit for the Via Verde project because the permit application did not comply with certain requirements of the Clean Water Act. Moreover, we demanded that a federal Environmental Impact Statement be prepared to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

We appreciate your interest in the environmental issues in Puerto Rico and your detailed comments on the Via Verde project.

Cordially,

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