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Gentlemen,

I want this permit matter addressed primarily from Jacksonville and off the island. [Exemption \(b\)\(6\)](#) [Exemption \(b\)\(6\)](#)
I will not allow even a perception that our regulatory system is influenced by personal opinions or biases.
Message sent via my BlackBerry Wireless Device

Very Respectfully,

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[Exemption \(b\)\(6\)](#)
I have discussed this with OC and concur with the proposed path forward.

I will council [Exemption \(b\)\(6\)](#) [Exemption \(b\)\(6\)](#)

I believe this will be sufficient.

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COL Pantano, John

As you may know, our Antilles Regulatory Section is processing a Joint Permit Application submitted by the Commonwealth Government that entails the installation of a 90 mile natural gas line. This line would transport natural gas from the Southern part of the Island to several power plants in the

Northern Part of Puerto Rico.

This project is the object of public controversy here on the Island. Various Environmental, Civic, Professional groups, as well as private citizens have expressed their opposition to the project at various public "Town Hall" meetings held by the Puerto Rico Environmental Board. It is getting a lot of news coverage.

On Saturday November 6, a Public Meeting was held in the town of Toa Baja **Exemption (b)(6)**
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Because this is a delicate subject in which the USACE has to maintain full transparency and objectivity, I asked **Exemption (b)(6)**, to define ethically what USACE Government employees could and could not do in scenarios like this. **Exemption (b)(6)**
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Exemption (b)(6) consulted with the Ethics Counselor in Jacksonville. **Exemption (b)(6)**
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My intentions in this matter is to have our Office of Counsel establish clear guidelines for all our Antilles employees as to what they can or cannot do to stay within the legal and ethical bounds. This way our Agency can maintain the great reputation we have on the Island as the "Honest Broker" for being objective and transparent in our decisions.

If you have any questions, Please feel free to call me.

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