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**RE: Jurisdictional Determination SAJ-2023-00198**

Dear Colonel Booth and Mr. Gonzales:

I am reaching out on behalf of Mr. Alfonso Valdes who resides in my Congressional District and has expressed to my office concern regarding a Jurisdictional Determination (JD) document.

Mr. Valdes is engaged in a residential and tourism development in Luquillo, Puerto Rico, that involves a \$200 million investment and the creation of over 200 jobs.

On January 19, 2023, the WOTUS JD document for the project was presented at the Puerto Rico offices and assigned number SAJ-2023-00198. Mr. Valdes has been made aware that the review of this document can take 8 to 9 months. This causes him great concern as this would overlap with the expiration of various local permits (such as earth moving permits and utility endorsements) causing delays and added costs even after the review is completed.

Therefore, and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations, I ask your agency to review the JD for this case given the time constraints with the permit. My office is available to assist with any information.

Sincerely,

Jennifer González-Colón  
Member of Congress