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Lieutenant General William H. 'Butch' Graham, Jr.
Commanding General
56th Chief of Engineers
United States Army Corps of Engineers

Dear Lieutenant General:

Receive a warm welcome from Puerto Rico, a United States territory. The reason for this correspondence is to urgently request a meeting to discuss how the United States Army Corps of Engineers can assist in mitigating the effects of coastal erosion and wave swelling in a sector of the municipality of Loiza, located just outside the San Juan Metropolitan area.

There's a community in Loiza named 'Parcelas Suarez', which houses around 20 families, located in a coastal zone of Río Grande (coordinates 18.4294° N, 65.8516° W). For over a decade, this community has suffered the effects of wave swelling to the point that the water entered homes, destroying streets and other structures, directly impacting the quality of living of its residents.

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the Puerto Rico Senate, as well as the mayor of Loiza, Mrs. Julia Nazario, among others, have been involved in the search for a permanent solution to this crisis. I know that the Corps that you represent have a vested interest in solving this matter urgently.

That is why we need to discuss this matter with you in order to find a solution that would enable the US citizens living in 'Parcelas Suarez' to have a peace of mind knowing that the United States Army Corps of Engineers will evaluate alternatives and initiatives to reduce the effects of coastal erosion in the area.

If you need further information regarding this matter, please, feel free to contact us at your convenience.

Cordially,


Marissa Jiménez Santoni