

Strategic Environmental Impact Statement

The Proponent Agency, the Department of Natural and Environmental Resourses (DNER), submitted to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) a Strategic Environmental Impact Statement (S-EIS) for the actions described below.

The purpose of this S-EIS is to assure that environmental factors are considered in all actions which may have any significant impact on the environmental by means of description and analyses of the proposed action.

Copies of this statement are available for public review through Internet at the following electronic addresses: http://www.jca.gobierno.pr and http://www.drna.gobierno.pr and in the following places: 1. Environmental Quality Board Environmental Agencies Building Dr. Cruz A. Matos

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2. Department of Natural and Environmental Resources

Any person who has information that could be useful to the assessment of the proposed action, may send it in writing to the Proponent Agency with copy to the EQB within a term of thirty (30) calendar days following the date of publication of

this notice.

Also, during this period of time they have the right to request a public hearing. This notice is given in compliance with the provisions of Law Number 146 of September 22, 2004, as amended; know as the "Environmental Public Policy Act" and Resolution R1-06-1 of the EQB. EIS-No. JCA-09-0020 (DNER)

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Description of the Action: The proposed action consists of the adoption of the Karst Study for an area of 219,804 cuerdas. The adoption of this study will allow the conservation of an adequate representation of irreplaceable components of the complex ecosystem know as karst. Likewise, the close relation of the study to the public policy related to land uses and how the findings will be implemented through amendments to applicable regulations and plans will also be assessed.

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