

Self-Certification

(Suggested-template language)

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Endangered Species Act Certification

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office developed a Blanket Clearance Letter in compliance with Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act for federally funded projects.

The Service determined that projects in compliance with the following criteria are not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species.

The Municipality of (Municipality) or (Company Name), Puerto Rico, certifies that the following project (Project Name) funded by (agency name/optional) and located at (Project Location) complies with:

(Check one or more below)

Check	Project Criteria
	1. Street resurfacing.
	2. Construction of gutters and sidewalks along existing roads.
	3. Reconstruction or emergency repairs of existing buildings, facilities and homes.
	4. Rehabilitation of existing occupied single family homes, and buildings; provided that equipment storage or staging areas are not located on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forested vegetation and that the lighting associated to the new facilities is not visible directly or indirectly from a beach.
	5. Demolition of dilapidated single family homes or buildings; provided that the demolition debris is disposed in certified receiving facilities; equipment storage or staging areas are not located on vacant property harboring a wetland and/or forested vegetation.
	6. Rebuilding of demolished single family homes or buildings, provided that the new construction is within the existing footprint of the previous structure and/or within pre-existing grassed or paved areas, and that the lighting associated to the new facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from a beach.
	7. Activities within existing Right of Ways (ROWs) of roads, bridges and highways,

	when limited to actions that do not involve cutting native vegetation or mayor earth moving; and are not located within, or adjacent to, drainages, wetlands, or aquatic systems. These activities include the installation of potable water and sanitary pipelines.
	8. Improvements to existing recreational facilities, including the installation of roofs to existing basketball courts, provided that the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
	9. Construction of electric underground systems in existing towns and communities, provided that the property is not a wetland area and the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
	10. Construction of facilities on vacant properties covered with grasses in urban areas, provided that the lighting associated to the facilities are not visible directly or indirectly from the beach.
	11. Construction of houses, buildings or acquiring lands in urban areas covered by grass for relocation of low income families and/or facilities that have been affected by weather conditions.

Signature of the mayor/Project Director

Date

Address

Telephone and Ext

Email

- This certification should be printed in a letterhead of the agency/proponent or corporate stamp.
- Keep the self-certification for the Environmental Review Record and attach the Blanket Letter of the agency.
- Send a copy with the project map and photos to:
 - Email;
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or

- Fax;
 - (787) 851-7440

or

- Mail:
 - Blanket Letters Certifications
 - US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - Caribbean Ecological Services Field Office

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