

Finding of Suitability to Lease

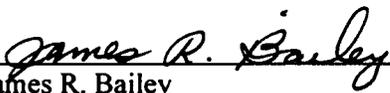
Submerged Land off St. Croix

U.S. Naval Station, Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico

In accordance with ASN I&E Memorandum of 22 December 1993, I have reviewed the Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) and/or related appropriate information concerning this property.

I have determined that a 6.1 meters wide (10 feet either side of the center line of the cable) by 16.24 kilometers right of way off the coast of St. Croix, on submerged land, is suitable for an easement to American Telephone and Telegraph for installation, use, operation, maintenance and repair of submarine cables. There are five separate cables that comprise the 16.24 kilometers. They are the (1) St. Thomas-St. Croix (c1), (2) Americas-2 seg. A, (3) Americas-2 seg. B, (4) Americas-2 seg. C, and (5) PANAM. The following statement applies to the subject property:

- Hazardous substance notice requirements do not apply to this property, since no hazardous substances were stored for one year or more, are known to have been released, or were disposed on the property. As no environmentally significant environmental concerns exist regarding the history or condition of the subject property or nature of its proposed use, it is neither appropriate nor necessary to consult regulatory agencies concerning this realty instrument.
- Hazardous substance notice requirements apply and must be complied with, which may necessitate certain restrictions which are attached. However, the property is not contaminated with hazardous substances. The appropriate regulatory agencies have been consulted concerning this realty instrument.
- This property contains some level of contamination by hazardous substances, but can be used pursuant to the proposed realty instrument without risk to human health or the environment or interference with the environmental restoration process with specified use restrictions which are attached. The appropriate regulatory agencies have been consulted concerning this realty instrument.


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