

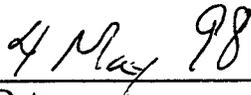
FINDING OF SUITABILITY TO TRANSFER  
US NAVAL SECURITY GROUP ACTIVITY  
SABANA SECA, PUERTO RICO  
D-4500

The Caribbean Primate Research Facility is located on the South Tract of the US Naval Security Activity, Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico. The US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) currently occupies 10.6 acres of the property, known as the Monkey Farm, under an agreement with the Department of the Navy. DHHS, in turn, leases 5.37 of the 10.6 acres to the Caribbean Primate Research Center (CPRC) of the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus. This 5.37 acres (the property) is being considered for excessing. In accordance with ASN (I&E) Memorandum of 22 December 1993, an Environmental Baseline Survey (EBS) has been conducted in support of the proposed action. The EBS assessed, determined, and documented information related to storage, release, or disposal of hazardous substances or petroleum products on the property.

An EBS was conducted at the property in October 1994. As part of the EBS, a visual inspection of the parcel and adjacent property was performed to look for areas of potential concern. No evidence of a release of a hazardous substance was found during the EBS. A complete file search was conducted to determine compliance status with applicable environmental regulatory requirements as well as to determine past disposal practices. No records of outstanding environmental problems were noted during the file review.

It is hereby determined, after diligent inquiry, that property is suitable for transfer to another Federal entity or disposal out of Federal ownership. The EBS shall be attached to, and made part of, any documentation transferring custody and control of the property to another Federal entity. In addition, any transfer document must guarantee a right of access by the Navy to conduct environmental studies and investigations and to carry out any response actions if such actions are necessary at any time in the future.

  
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