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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES WATER DRILL OF A RURAL AQUEDUCT AT SONADOR COMMUNITY, SAN SEBASTIAN, PR

San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 13, 2009 - José Otero-García, USDA Rural Development State Director for Puerto Rico, announced that a water drill will be held tomorrow, January 14, 2009 in the Rural Aqueduct of Sonador Community, Municipality of San Sebastian.

This water drill will be held to comply with the National Bioterrorism Act of 2002. The purpose of the drill is to support the security of the rural aqueduct with the assistance of the community, Rural Development, the Resources for Communities and People Solution (RCAP) and the Emergencies Response Office for the Municipality of San Sebastian. The purpose of this drill is to evaluate the response of the government agencies and the community during a real crisis.

This Rural Aqueduct consists of a well that provides water for two tanks of 20,000 and 30,000 gallons capacity. This aqueduct supply potable water to more than 450 people and comply with all Federal and State Office water regulations and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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