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George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
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New York, New York 10007-1866

Dear Mr. Pavlou:

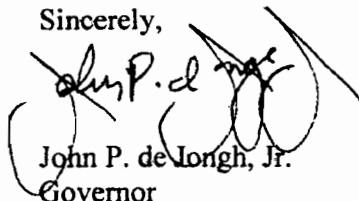
It has been brought to my attention that United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") revised the lead National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS") primary standard from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) to $0.15\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ on a quarterly time period. This is important for the purpose of providing added protection to the public against health effects associated with exposure to airborne lead.

Pursuant to Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, the United States Virgin Islands is proposing that the entire Territory be designated as an unclassifiable area for the revised NAAQS for lead. This is based on the lack of available monitoring data to make an alternate determination.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources ("DPNR") through its Division of Environmental Protection ("DEP") Air Quality Management Program looks forward to working with the USEPA concerning the lead designation process.

You may contact Robert S. Mathes, Commissioner of DPNR at (340) 774-3320 or (340) 773-1082, with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. de Jongh, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor

pc: Robert S. Mathes, Commissioner, DPNR