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Mike Martucci
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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RE: Designations under the new PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards

Dear Regional Administrator Martucci:

The Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (VIDPNR) hereby acknowledges receipt of your January 10, 2025, letter. This correspondence was concerning a designation recommendation from the US Virgin Islands for the 2024 revised primary annual Particulate Matter- two and a half micron or less (PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The Department has proposed that the entire Territory should be designated as an unclassifiable area based on insufficient monitoring data from the Virgin Islands PM2.5 monitoring network during the period considered for designation. The Department anticipates working with the US Environmental Protection Agency as it pertains to the PM2.5 designation process.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact George Patrick, Acting Director of the Division of Environmental Protection at (340) 773-1082 or george.patrick@dpnr.vi.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean-Pierre L. Oriol
Commissioner