



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES INTENT TO MAKE REVISIONS TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 19 OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CODE (THE PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT) AND TO ESTABLISH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 803 (c) (5) OF THE PESTICIDE CONTROL ACT

DATE OF NOTICE: **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016**

DESCRIPTION OF NOTICE:

The United States Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) is tasked with protecting the environment and human health under federal and local laws. In an effort to provide greater protection of these resources, DPNR proposes to amend provisions of Title 12, Chapter 19 of the Virgin Islands Code (the Pesticide Control Act). Further, Section 803(c)(5) of the Act, 12 V.I.C. § 801 *et seq.* (2009), authorizes the Commissioner to develop rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Pesticide Control Act. DPNR developed the proposed rules and regulations, and today give notice of its intent to propose revisions to the Pesticide Control Act and to establish these rules and regulations under the Act, and additionally, to solicit comment on this intent.

Hearings on the proposed revisions to the Pesticide Control Act will be held at in both districts as follows:

St. Croix –6 pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2016, University of the Virgin Islands, Great Hall

St. Thomas/St. John – 6 pm on Friday, July 22, 2016, at the Charles Turnbull Library

All interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on the subject of the proposed revisions to the Pesticide Control Act.

The proposed amendment to the Pesticide Control Act and the proposed rules and regulations for the Act are available for public inspection by appointment at the DPNR Division of Environmental Protection offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

To make arrangements to examine the proposed amendment and the proposed rules and regulations, or to submit comments, contact:

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IV. DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED REVISIONS

Following Public Notices in July 2016, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) seeks participation from the public on its proposed revisions to the Virgin Islands Pesticide Act.

V. DPNR'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

DPNR will consider any comments made by the public. Within 15 days of the close of the public hearing period, the Department shall submit the proposed amendments of the Act with the appropriate government agency in accordance with 3 V.I.C § 913.