



**GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**I. NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES INTENT TO MAKE REVISIONS TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 7 SUBCHAPTER 184 OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS UNDER TITLE 12 CHAPTER 7 SECTION 184(s) OF VIRGIN ISLAND CODE (V.I.C) AND THE CLEAN WATER ACT (C.W.A.)**

**II. DATE OF NOTICE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2016**

**III. 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 7 Subchapter 184 of the Virgin Islands Rules and Regulations to include fees for review and issuance of the USVI's Territorial Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permits throughout the Territory. Further, Title 12 Chapter 7 Section 184(s) of the V.I.C. *et seq.*, authorizes the Commissioner to establish by regulation and collect reasonable fees sufficient to defray costs incurred in developing and administering the [TPDES] Permit program requirements. DPNR developed the proposed rules and regulations, and today give notice of its intent to establish these rules and regulations, and additionally, to solicit comment on this intent.

**IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Hearings on the proposed revisions to 12VIRR§184 will be held from 6:00pm – 8:00pm in both districts as follows:

St. Croix -- Tuesday, November 29, 2016, University of the Virgin Islands, Great Hall

St. Thomas/St. John -- Wednesday, November 30, 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 TPDES regulations.

## **V. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

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 rules and regulations, or to submit comments, contact:

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Following the conclusion of the public hearing, an additional 30 day will be allowed for the public to provide comments to DPNR. Comments must be submitted to DPNR at the above-mentioned address either in writing or by email on or before December 30, 2016.