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FIRE AT THE LANDFILL ON TORTOLA

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that a fire ignited today, October 24, 2019 at the Cox Heath Dump Site on Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Therefore, the community downwind, presently to the west of the landfill, is advised to take precautionary measures especially the elderly, children, those persons with respiratory ailments, allergies and compromised immune systems. Particularly those closest to Tortola, on the East side of St. John, are advised to exercise caution and monitor their surroundings.

Since the fire initially erupted, DPNR and the Virgin Islands Fire Service have been in contact with the BVI government in order to coordinate efforts and share information.

The Division of Environmental Protection, Air Quality Management Program will continue to monitor the situation and will advise the public of any changes.

For additional information, contact the Air Quality Management Program at 773-1082.

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