



GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES INTENT TO ESTABLISH A LIST OF WATERS FOR THE UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS UNDER SECTION 303(d) OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT AS AMENDED BY THE WATER QUALITY ACT OF 1987.

II. DATE OF NOTICE: [May 28, 2020](#)

III. DESCRIPTION OF NOTICE:

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, requires every state and territory to: develop a methodology for assessing the conditions of its waters; to develop a list of water-quality limited waters requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs); establish a priority ranking of these waters; identify pollutants causing their impairment; and identify waters targeted for TMDL development over the next two (2) years. TMDLs include a determination of pollutant loadings compatible with achievement of applicable state water quality standards. State and Territorial 303(d) lists and TMDLs are submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval or disapproval.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) developed the proposed 2020 Assessment Methodology Document and the 2020 303(d) List of Impaired Waters and today notices its intent to establish these documents for the U.S. Virgin Islands pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and solicits public comment on this intent.

IV. HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2020 ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY DOCUMENT & 303(d) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATERS OR REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The proposed 2020 Assessment Methodology Document and the 2020 303(d) List of Impaired Waters is available by mail, email or for public inspection by appointment at the DPNR Division of Environmental Protection offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix. To request a copy of the proposed list or to submit comments, contact:

**DPNR-DEP
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM
45 MARS HILL
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Email:**

The administrative record containing background technical information is on file and may be inspected at the Division of Environmental Protection office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Arrangements to examine the administrative record may be made at the above address. A copy of the 2020 303(d) list and the administrative record will also be available at the DPNR offices on St. Thomas.

V. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The proposed 2020 Assessment Methodology Document and the 2020 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, which the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) intends to establish pursuant to Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) for the U.S. Virgin Islands as soon as possible after the close of the public notice period, is available for review and public comment over the next **30 days**. Comments must be submitted in writing to DPNR at the above-mentioned addresses, on or before **June 29, 2020**.

VI. DPNR'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Following the close of the 30-day comment period, a written response to comments and petitions will be developed as soon as possible. All petitions and comments received during the public notice period will be considered. This response to comments and petitions will be available to the public by mail, email or for public inspection by appointment at the DPNR Division of Environmental Protection offices on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

