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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **DPNR GIVES NOTICE TO ALL UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) OPERATORS**

#### **This is an important announcement about mandatory UST operator training**

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) gives notice to all Underground Storage Tank Operators (UST) that every (UST) facility must have a Class "A/B" and "C" UST operator's certification. Commissioner Oriol reminds the public that Operator training is required by law and training is required to be renewed every 3 years.

**UST Training.com.** is an approved training vendor of DPNR and have created a Virgin Islands-specific course that is 100% on-line. The cost for the Class A/B course and certificate is \$160.00

DPNR further states:

#### **FOR CLASS "A/B" CERTIFICATION**

- If you have no designated Class A/B operator certification, you must be trained immediately.
- If you are already certified in another state, you must renew with a DPNR approved course before your certificate expires.
- If your certificate is more than 3 years old, you must retrain immediately.

#### **FOR CLASS "C" CERTIFICATION**

UST operators have two choices:

- Certified Class A/B operators can train their own Class C operators, or
- You can obtain a USVI Class "C" course from [www.usttraining.com/USVI](http://www.usttraining.com/USVI)

Operators without the required certificates are in violation of V.I. CODE ANN tit. 12, § 659. (2006), and subject to enforcement action which can include penalties of up to \$25,000 for each day of violation pursuant to V.I. CODE ANN tit. 12, § 680 (a)(1) Civil Penalties.

Random inspections will be conducted throughout the remainder of the calendar year.

If you have any questions, please contact Syed Syedali, Environmental Program Manager at (340) 773-1082, extension 2276, or email [syed.syedali@dpr.gov.vi](mailto:syed.syedali@dpr.gov.vi).