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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. Notice of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources’ intent to establish an Intended Use Plan for the 2021 Drinking Water Capital Improvement Grant (DWCIG)

II. DATE OF NOTICE: [May 4, 2022](#)

III. DESCRIPTION OF SDWA REQUIREMENTS

Many public water systems are in need of infrastructure improvements to protect public health and maintain compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA Amendments of 1996 authorized a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) to help publicly owned and privately owned community public water systems and nonprofit non-community public water systems finance the costs of capital improvements. These capital improvements must be able to achieve and maintain compliance with the SDWA requirements and to further the public health protection objectives of the SDWA.

Through an annual grant provided by the DWSRF during fiscal year 2021, **\$5,261,000.00** will be available to eligible Public Water Systems in the US Virgin Islands. The Department of Planning & Natural Resources (DPR) has developed an Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the 2021 Drinking Water Capital Improvements Grant (DWCIG) and solicits public comments on this document.

IV. HOW TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PROPOSED 2021 DWCIG IUP OR REVIEW THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

A copy of the proposed 2021 DWCIG Intended Use Plan is provided below.

The administrative records containing background technical information are on file and may be inspected at the Division of Environmental Protection offices between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays at the following addresses:

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V. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

This notice announces the availability of the proposed 2021 DWCIG IUP for a thirty (30) day public comment period. The thirty days will begin on May 11, 2022, and end on June 9, 2022. No comments will be accepted after 5:00pm on June 9, 2022.

The public is asked to provide comments on the intended use of the monies as detailed in the IUP. Comments can be sent via email to harold.mark@dpr.vi.gov or to the addresses above. Your comments will be taken into consideration for the finalization of the IUP.

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. The response to comments and petitions will be available to the public in the same manner as today's notice.
