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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DPR) INTENT TO ISSUE THE MODIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONDOMINIUM, HOTEL, AND APARTMENT COMPLEX GENERAL PERMIT (VICHAGP).

This modified permit is issued in compliance with Title 12 of the Virgin Islands Code (VIC), Chapter 7, Section 185, and its implementing regulations at title 12 of the US Virgin Islands rules and regulations (VIRR), Chapter 7, Part 184 and 186 in accordance with the provisions of the federal water pollution control act, as amended, (33 U.S. code 1251 et seq.).

II. DATE OF NOTICE: March 28, 2025

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DPR) INTENT TO ISSUE THE MODIFICATION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONDOMINIUM, HOTEL, AND APARTMENT COMPLEX GENERAL PERMIT (VICHAGP).

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 USC §1251 et. seq., (hereafter referred to as the CWA or the Act), as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, and the Virgin Islands Water Pollution Control Act, 12 V.I. CODE ANN. §184 (1998 & Supp. 2004) et. seq., operators of condominium, hotel, and apartment complexes with discharges associated with standard sewage treatment plants or drinking water purification systems located in the United States Virgin Islands Territory are authorized to discharge to Waters of the United States Virgin Islands in accordance with the eligibility and Notice of Intent (NOI) requirements, effluent limitations, inspection requirements, and all other conditions set forth in this permit.

This proposed issuance is tentative. On the basis of preliminary review and application of lawful standards and regulations, DPR-DEP proposes to reissue the modified permit subject to certain effluent limitations and other conditions necessary to comply with the Clean Water Act. The proposed issuance consists of limiting the following parameters:

Parameter	Unit	Discharge Limitation					Footnote
		Maximum Daily	Average Weekly	Average Monthly	Minimum	Maximum	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	M/R	--	--	--	--	13
Salinity	mg/l	M/R	--	--	--	--	14

- 13) **Total Dissolved Solids:** The limitation of 250 mg/l (250,000 µg/L) will only be applicable to waters that are designated and currently being used as a potable water source.
- 14) **Salinity:** The limitation of 250 mg/l (250,000 µg/L) will only be applicable to waters that are designated and currently being used as a potable water source.

IV. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Virgin Islands Condominium, Hotel, And Apartment Complex General Permit (VICHAGP) and its fact sheet are available online at <http://dpr.vi.gov/public-notices/>.

To submit comments about the permit's modification, please contact:

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DPNR is allowing a 30-day period for soliciting public comments on the proposed parameters of this modified permit. Comments must be submitted by email to mary.stiehler@dpr.vi.gov, on or before **Monday, April 28, 2025**.

V. 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. Comments must be submitted to DPNR at the above mentioned address either by email or in writing on or before April 28, 2025. 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 in the same manner as today's notice.