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The Honorable Jean-Pierre L. Oriol, Commissioner
Department of Planning and Natural Resources
St. Thomas, VI 00801

RE: Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) – Request for Determination of Federal Consistency for the Renovation/Modernization and New Construction St. Croix Education Complex, St. Croix

Dear Commissioner Oriol,

The Virgin Islands Department of Education (VIDE) is developing a new Administrative Center in St. Thomas. VIDE has secured funding for this project through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Management Program. Accordingly, VIDE respectfully requests a **Determination of Federal Consistency** from the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Coastal Zone Management, for the FEMA-funded project – *St. Croix Educational Complex* – as required under the Virgin Islands Code, Title 12, Subchapter 904, Section 904-8.

A Pre-Application Meeting was held on October 7, 2025. The enclosed Environmental Assessment addresses the questions and recommendations raised during that meeting.

VIDE proposes to renovate and modernization, **St. Croix Education Complex** which includes the proposed scope repairs and code required life-safety updates, renovation and modernization to the same standards as the new school being built in the Virgin Islands.

The proposed St. Croix Educational Complex is located at 5A & 5C VICORP Land, encompassing approximately 69 acres which a new site perimeter fencing will be installed. Site Improvements consist of covered sidewalks and parking, site security/entrance gate, mechanical enclosure and fire and potable water cisterns.

Enclosed are reports and plans that describe the project in detail and demonstrate its compliance with the U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program. Drawings of the proposed project are also included for reference.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner, VIDE

Attachments:

- USVI – St. Croix Educational Complex SD Presentation
- USVI – t. Croix Educational Complex – Federal Consistency Environmental Assessment
- USVI – St. Croix Educational Complex– Power Point Presentation
- USVI – St. Croix Educational Complex - Project Worksheet Report

cc:

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