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PUBLIC NOTICE

I. NOTICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DPNR) INTENT TO ISSUE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONDOMINIUM, HOTEL, AND APARTMENT COMPLEX GENERAL PERMIT (VICHAGP) NUMBER VICHA00000.

THIS TERRITORIAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) 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: July 26, 2024

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS CONDOMINIUM, HOTEL, AND APARTMENT COMPLEX GENERAL PERMIT & RELATED REQUIREMENTS

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 permit is conditioned upon payment of applicable fees, submittal of a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) application form and written approval of coverage from the director of Division of Environmental Protection of VIDPNR, in accordance with 12 V.I. CODE ANN. §185 (1998 & Supp. 2004).

IV. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

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

To submit comments about the permit, please contact:

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DPNR is allowing a 60-day period for soliciting public comments on the issuance of this permit. Comments must be submitted by email to mary.stiehler@dpnr.vi.gov, on or before **Friday, September 27, 2024**.

V. DPNR'S RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Following the close of the 60-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 September 26, 2024. 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.