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George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator
US Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
290 Broadway
New York, New York 10007-1866

Dear Mr. Pavlou:

I recently understood that the on March 12, 2008, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. It is also my understanding that EPA has also changed the secondary 8-hour ozone standard making it the same value as the revised primary standard. The United States Virgin Islands agrees with the revision and will ensure compliance with the new standards.

Pursuant to Section 107(d) (1) (A) of the Clean Air Act, the United States Virgin Islands is proposing that it be designated as an attainment area for the revised NAAQS for ozone. Historical data shows that the territory's air quality has been of a high-grade as it relates to previous ozone standard of 0.08 ppm. Under the revised standard of 0.075 ppm, the ozone data concentrations will remain below the standard under normal circumstances. The ozone data is easily accessible through the Air Quality System (AQS).

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), through its Division of Environmental Protection's Air Quality Management Program, has been monitoring and will continue to monitor the quality of air in the Virgin Islands as part of our statutory mandates.

You may contact Robert S. Mathes, Commissioner of DPNR at (340) 774-3320 or (340) 773-1082, with your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John P. de Jongh, Jr.", written over a circular stamp.

John P. de Jongh, Jr.
Governor

pc: Robert S. Mathes, Commissioner, DPNR