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Dear Regional Administrator Enck:

In your February 28, 2011 correspondence, you alerted me to the fact that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) had revised the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) primary standard, and accordingly asked for our designation recommendations.

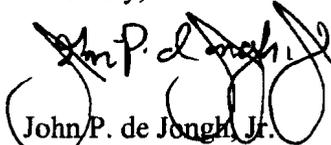
I have consulted on this matter with Commissioner Alicia Barnes of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources. Pursuant to Section 107(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act, the United States Virgin Islands is proposing that the islands of St. Thomas, St. John, and Water Island be designated as an attainment area for SO₂. The territory of the United States Virgin Islands is also proposing that the island of St. Croix be designated as a non-attainment area for the revised NAAQS for sulfur dioxide. This is based on the 2008 - 2010 available monitoring data in the EPA Air Quality System (AQS) database, which indicates that the Virgin Islands 3-year average of the 99th percentile of 1-hour daily maximum concentrations for SO₂ is 79.5 ppb, exceeds the 75 ppb revised standard.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources, through its Division of Environmental Protection, looks forward to working with the USEPA concerning the sulfur dioxide designation process.

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Please contact Commissioner Barnes at (340) 774-3320 or (340) 773-1082, with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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