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Judith A. Enck Regional Administrator **US Environmental Protection Agency** Region II 290 Broadway New York, New York 10007-1866

## Dear Administrator Enck:

As mentioned in your January 23, 2012 letter, the US Virgin Islands has revisited the sulfur dioxide designation for the island of St. Croix. The previous recommendation was based on 2008-2010 available SO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data in the Air Quality System (AQS) database. However, 2011 HOVENSA SO<sub>2</sub> data has been certified and uploaded into AQS as of February 6, 2012. Based on the three year design value over the period of 2009 to 2011 the SO<sub>2</sub> value would be 72 ppb.

Therefore, the SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS has not been exceeded. The U.S. Virgin Islands has reconsidered its initial recommendation of non-attainment and requests that its final recommendation be changed to unclassifiable.

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources ("DPNR"), through its Division of Environmental Protection's Air Quality Management Program, looks forward to working with the USEPA concerning the sulfur dioxide designation process.

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

Alicia Barnes, Commissioner, DPNR

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