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***Re: Designations under the new PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards***

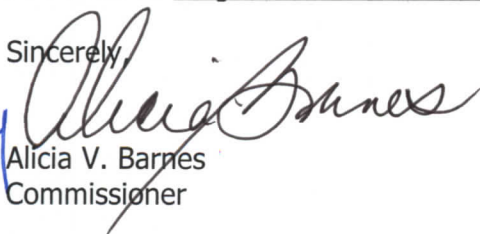
Dear Mr. Ruvo:

The Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources ("DPNR" or "Department") hereby acknowledges receipt of your January 30, 2014, email concerning a designation recommendation from the Virgin Islands for the 2012 Revised Primary Annual Fine Particulate National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

The Department concurs with your preliminary thought from your email and proposes that the entire Territory should be designated as an unclassifiable area based on insufficient monitoring data from the Virgin Islands' PM2.5 monitoring network. The Department looks forward to working with the Environmental Protection Agency concerning the PM2.5 designation process.

Should you have any questions, concerns, or require additional information, please contact Magdalene Morancie, Esq., Acting Director of the Division of Environmental Protection at (340) 774-3320 or [magdalene.morancie@dpnr.vi.gov](mailto:magdalene.morancie@dpnr.vi.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Alicia V. Barnes  
Commissioner

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