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## VIWMA ADVISES COMMUNITY OF THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BROOKMAN BIN SITE

(St. Thomas, USVI) - The Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority (VIWMA) advises the community of the temporary closure of the Brookman Bin Site. The VIWMA and Department of Public Works are working to clean the area of illegally dumped motor and cooking oil.

The Authority is requesting residential users of that bin site to utilize the Nadir, Thomasville, or Bolongo Bin Sites and Bovoni Landfill pending completion of clean-up.

The Authority reminds businesses that it is illegal to dispose of motor and cooking oil at residential bin sites. Virgin Islands law requires businesses to contract a licensed and approved hauler to dispose of their waste oil. Violators are subject to a fine of not less than \$1,000 and/or 180 days imprisonment.

Illegal dumping is harmful to human health and the environment.

The VIWMA thanks the community for their cooperation and patience.

To report a solid waste or wastewater emergency, call the VIWMA 24-Hour Hotline at 844-WMA-USVI (844-962-8784).

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