

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

March 25, 2021

THE ADMINISTRATOR

The Honorable Albert Bryan, Jr. Governor
United States Virgin Islands
Government House
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St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802

Re: Withdrawal of Final Plantwide Applicability Limit Permit for Limetree Bay Terminals, LLC and Limetree Bay Refining, LLC, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Dear Governor Bryan:

The final Plantwide Applicability Limit (PAL) Permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the Limetree Bay Terminals, LLC and Limetree Bay Refining, LLC ("Limetree"), St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands on December 2, 2020, has been withdrawn. The PAL Permit and the administrative record including EPA's response to comments have been withdrawn in their entirety. A copy of EPA's Notice of Withdrawal to the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) is attached for your information.

Because timely petitions were filed with EPA's EAB, the PAL Permit did not become effective. Although Limetree will not be able to avail itself of the operational flexibilities it sought to obtain pursuant to the PAL permit, this withdrawal does not require Limetree to cease operation. EPA will undertake a thoughtful, timely technical and legal review of the regulatory requirements applicable to the Limetree PAL permit under the Clean Air Act, engage with a broad range of stakeholders, and take into consideration concerns from the nearby environmental justice community before making a final decision on this matter.

EPA will keep you informed of any developments or conclusions after our review is complete. Please do not hesitate to contact me, or your staff may contact Casey Katims, EPA's Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Relations, at katims.casey@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Michael S. Regan

cc: Honorable Rep. Stacey E. Plaskett Member of Congress

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