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Honorable Angel Bolques, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks
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Dear Senator Bolques:

Thank you for the invitation to testify at the next meeting for the Committee on Culture, Youth, Aging, Sports and Parks on September 20, 2024, to provide an update on permits issued to VIGL for the redevelopment of the Randall "Doc" James Racetrack on St. Croix. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend as I will be in Washington, DC for a previously scheduled meeting. The hearing is also taking place when we have previously scheduled training for the launch of our electronic permitting system on September 30, 2024, and thus my senior permitting staff are also unable to attend.

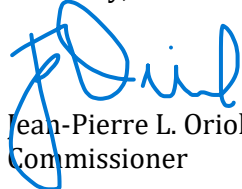
Although DPNR cannot be present at the hearing, below is a listing of all permits issued to VIGL for the Doc James racetrack's redevelopment. All permits are valid, and we have no permits currently pending. The issued permits are as follows:

- Major Coastal Zone Management (CZM) permit CZX-11-18(L) issued November 29, 2018; modified October 2022 to reduce the size of the grandstand
- Phase 1 Building permit issued September 21, 2023 for underground utilities, roadway(s) and foundation work; Flood zone permit also issued September 2023
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) issued November 16, 2023
- Phase 2 Building permit issued June 22, 2024 for the construction of the racino building

Please note that DPNR still expects to receive additional applications from VIGL as we have not received any electrical, plumbing or mechanical applications, nor have we received any application for the grandstands, to date. We agreed to allow VIGL to submit in phases to assist with getting the development moving in trying to bring horseracing back to the island of St. Croix. All future applications by VIGL for the Doc James racetrack will receive priority and we do our best to turn them around as quickly as possible.

Should you have any questions regarding any permits issued to VIGL for the redevelopment of the Randall Doc James racetrack, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jean-Pierre L. Oriol
Commissioner