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Honorable Justa E. Encarnacion  
Commissioner  
Department of Health  
Charles Harwood Complex  
3500 Est. Richmond  
Christiansted, VI 00820

**ZONING CERTIFICATION - REMAINDER 11 ESTATE PENITENTIARY LAND**

Dear Commissioner Encarnacion,

This letter is in response to Zoning Certification request received October 10, 2024 for a temporary certificate of occupancy in support of the relocation (and expansion) of the existing Department of Health's Public Health Laboratory, the EMS (temporary) Regulatory Offices and the construction of the Donna M. Christian-Christensen Public Health building's park and utilities.

The R-3 zoned Plot No. Remainder 11 Estate Penitentiary Land can be issued a partial certificate of occupancy for the park and utilities. As per Title 29, Chapter 3, Subchapter 1, Section 228, the R-3 zone permits "Playgrounds, Pay Lots or Tot Lots."

Please refer to Zoning Certification dated April 24, 2024 in regards to the Laboratory and EMS uses (attached).

If there are any further questions or concerns, please contact Leia LaPlace, Territorial Planner, Division of Comprehensive and Coastal Zone Planning (CCZP) at 340-773-1082 extension 2215 or leia.laplace@dpnr.vi.gov.

Sincerely,

Jean-Pierre L. Oriol  
Commissioner

Cc: Amanda Jackson-Acosta, Director, Division of Permits  
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