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DPNR Investigating Foul Odor in Frederiksted Emanating From Limetree Bay; Limetree Says It Has Corrected Problem

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources said Friday it is aware of a foul, gaseous smell permeating throughout the Frederiksted area for the past few days. DPNR said its Air Quality Management Program staff has responded to citizens' complaints and has discovered that the Limetree Bay Refinery is experiencing an exceedance of Hydrogen sulfide.

DPNR is advising the public that persons with respiratory ailments such as allergies, lung disease, and asthma should consider taking protective actions. Protective actions include staying indoors or relocating to areas less affected.

Limetree Bay said in a release that the refinery experienced "an operating upset overnight and into the early morning hours which created a strong odor detectable outside the facility." Limetree said it has corrected the problem "and will continue to monitor any additional impact to the outside community."

The executive management of Limetree Bay apologized for any impact to the public.

For more information or to report an issue, please contact the Limetree Bay Command Center at (340) 692-3000.

DPNR said it will continue to monitor the situation and advise the community accordingly. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (340) 773-1082 ext. 2252