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Saharan Dust to Continue Affecting Territory, DPNR Says

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The Department of Planning and Natural Resources announced Tuesday an air pollution alert for dust from the Sahara Desert in Africa.

The dust causes the skies around the Virgin Islands to be hazy, which reduces the visibility and results in poor air quality, D.P.N.R. said. This results in dust storms and a rise in warm air. These sandy dust particles are transported from the North African desert westward over the Atlantic Ocean across the Caribbean.

The agency said meteorologists at the National Weather Service in San Juan, Puerto Rico have confirmed that the bulk of the current dust episodes are decreasing and will continue to clear through tomorrow, and that the territory should see the tail end of the storm by Wednesday.

There will be another dust episode of similar intensity passing through the territory during the weekend.

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