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## VIPA is Making Improvements to the CEKA and HERA Terminals' Air Conditioning Systems



***New Air Conditioning Chillers are Installed at CEKA Terminal***

Tenants and travelers at the Cyril E. King Airport (CEKA) on St. Thomas will soon be able to enjoy a cooler airport terminal. The new 400-ton air conditioning chillers purchased by the Port Authority have been installed on the roof of the terminal. The chillers are now being connected to the terminal's air conditioning system. The CEKA terminal has been warm over the last few days during the connection process. It will take a few days to completely cool the terminal as the new chillers are added to the system. A noticeable improvement is expected by next week.

The new chillers are a permanent fix to the long-standing air conditioning issues at the CEKA terminal. They will expand the terminal's

existing air conditioning system and help to keep the building comfortably cool. The two new chillers cost \$1.8 million.

The chillers at the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal (HERA) have also been malfunctioning recently, said VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe. VIPA plans to purchase two new chillers for the terminal in its Fiscal Year 2020 budget to permanently resolve this problem. In the interim, new compressors for the air conditioners have been ordered and will be installed next week. During the installation of the compressors, there will be some loss in the system's cooling capacity and the air in the HERA terminal may be warm. Cooler temperatures are expected by Saturday, August 17, said Dowe.

Director Dowe sincerely apologized for the temperatures at both airport terminals. He also thanks the airports' tenants and the traveling public for their continued patience as VIPA works diligently to improve its airports. VIPA will continue to keep the public abreast of any new developments.

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