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VIPA Addresses HERA Terminal Generator Malfunction

The automatic transfer switch for the generator that powers the Henry E. Rohlsen Airport Terminal on St. Croix is malfunctioning. The switch does not automatically activate the generator during power outages and instead, it requires a manual start. Virgin Islands Port Authority engineers have narrowed the problem down to a manufacturer defect. Eaton technicians are currently on St. Croix assessing the generator's automatic transfer switch to determine the best method to repair it.

In the interim, VIPA has temporarily adjusted the shifts of its maintenance employees to ensure that staff is in the terminal in the event of a power outage. The maintenance crew can manually start the generator in under five minutes, reducing the length of time the terminal is without power.

VIPA apologizes for any inconveniences caused and assures the public that it is working closely with the manufacturer to quickly resolve this issue.

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The Virgin Islands Port Authority (VIPA) is an autonomous, self-sustaining government agency established in 1969 as the owner and manager of the United States Virgin Island's airports and seaports. VIPA owns and manages 14 seaports, two airports, and surrounding properties. It is a critical arm of the USVI's economy that facilitates travel and commerce and fosters tourism and economic growth via its port activities. VIPA's mandate is to develop and maintain the ports of the USVI to accommodate the current and future demands of our users, and to provide safe port facilities.