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## Via Email

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RE: Appraisal Subcommittee Staff Follow-Up Review of Virgin Islands' Appraiser Regulatory Program

Dear Nathalie Hodge:

Thank you for your cooperation and your staff's assistance in the July 10, 2025, Appraisal Subcommittee (ASC) staff Follow-up Review of the Virgin Islands appraiser regulatory program (Appraiser Program). This was a Follow-up Review of the May 14-16, 2024, Compliance Review of the Virgin Islands Appraiser Program.

As detailed in the attached Follow-up Report (Report) of the Virgin Islands Appraiser Program, Virgin Islands made progress in two of the four non-compliance concerns identified in the November 22, 2024, Appraiser Program Report. Virgin Islands also made significant progress toward addressing the other two non-compliance concerns identified. In addition, Virgin Islands addressed recommended actions to strengthen the Program. We commend Virgin Islands Appraiser Program for its efforts and the progress made.

This letter and the attached Follow-up Report are public record and available on the ASC website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Matt Ponzar

**Acting Executive Director** 

Attachment

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## ASC Staff Follow-Up Report: 2024 Compliance Review Virgin Islands Appraiser Regulatory Program (State) Virgin Islands Board of Real Estate Appraisers Follow-Up Review Date: July 10, 2025 Follow-Up Report Issue Date: July 17, 2025 Umbrella Agency: Virgin Islands Office of Boards and Commissions ASC Compliance Review Date: May 14-16, 2024 PM: A. Nespor Follow-Up of Compliance Review Report Dated: November 22, 2024 ASC Finding: Not Satisfactory ASC Staff **Required/Recommended State Actions** Assessment from the November 22, 2024 Compliance Status as of July 8-10, 2025 Follow-Up **Further Required Actions/Comments Applicable Federal Citations** Compliance (YES/NO) **Review Report** Areas of Concern (AC) AC Yes No Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Χ Procedures: States must, at a minimum, adopt The State must amend its regulations to The State provided a copy of its proposed regulation changes to **Further Required Actions:** The State must continue the process to amend its and/or implement all relevant AQB bring them into compliance and provide the ensure that a credential holder in an inactive status must regulations to bring them into compliance with AQB Criteria. ASC staff with quarterly updates on the complete the continuing education (CE) that would have been Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. progress of the amendments until finalized. required if the credential holder had been in active status. **Comments:** During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular § 3347; Policy Statement 1 C, D.) attention to this area for compliance. Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Χ Procedures (continued): The State must amend its regulations to The State provided a copy of its proposed regulation changes to Further Required Actions: The State must continue the process to amend its States must, at a minimum, adopt bring them into compliance and provide the ensure that only up to one-half of an appraiser's CE requirement regulations to bring them into compliance with AQB Criteria. and/or implement all relevant AQB ASC staff with quarterly updates on the may be granted for participation, other than as a student, in Criteria. (12 U.S.C. § 3345; 12 U.S.C. progress of the amendments until finalized. **Comments:** During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular such activities as teaching or authoring a textbook. § 3347; Policy Statement 1 C, D.) attention to this area for compliance. X National Registry: States must reconcile and pay registry The State must develop a process to ensure The State reconciled and paid its registry invoices in a timely Further Required Actions: None invoices in a timely manner. (12 U.S.C. National Registry of Appraisers invoices are manner within this follow-up Review period. § 3347; 12 U.S.C. § 3338; Policy reconciled and paid timely and provide the **Comments:** During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular Statement 3 B.) ASC staff with quarterly updates on the attention to this area for compliance. progress of reconciling the delinquent invoices. Enforcement: Χ States must resolve all complaints filed The State must ensure complaints are The State reported that it has closed one case since the Further Required Actions: The State must maintain relevant documentation to against appraisers within one year (12 resolved timely and provide the ASC staff Compliance Review. This finding has been addressed, however, enable understanding of the facts and determinations and the reasons for those months) of the complaint filing date in with a complaint log quarterly. this item is identified as an area of concern because the file determinations. the absence of special documented lacks adequate documentation to understand the reasoning for circumstances. (12 U.S.C. § 3347; Policy closure. **Comments:** During the next Compliance Review, ASC staff will pay particular attention to this area for compliance. Statement 7 B.)