



## VIRGIN ISLANDS PORT AUTHORITY

ST. THOMAS • ST. CROIX • ST. JOHN

UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

---

**For Immediate Release**

July 15, 2019

**Contact:** Monifa Marrero-Brathwaite  
[info@viport.com](mailto:info@viport.com)

**Office of the Executive Director**

PO Box 1707, St. Thomas, VI 00803

PO Box 1134, St. Croix, VI 00820

Tel: (340) 774-1629 / 778-1012

[www.viport.com](http://www.viport.com)

### VIPA INSTALLING TWO NEW AIR CONDITIONING CHILLERS AT CEKA TERMINAL

The Virgin Islands Port Authority alerts travelers that the Cyril E. King Airport Terminal's air conditioning system is not working at full capacity, resulting in warm temperatures inside the terminal. VIPA has hired Custom Builders to install two new 400-ton air conditioning chillers to permanently resolve this problem. The installation began today, Monday, July 15 and will be completed by early August. The new chillers and labor costs to install the equipment total \$1.8 million.

VIPA has also contacted Trane, which is the company that has the contract to service the existing chillers. Trane is based in Puerto Rico and they are expected to be on St. Thomas on Wednesday, July 17 to begin repairs.

VIPA Executive Director Carlton Dowe apologized on behalf of the Port Authority for the inconvenience and assures the public that the contractor will work as quickly as possible to install the new chillers. Dowe also thanks the public for their patience as the Authority completes renovations to provide a more pleasant arrival and departure experience at the U.S. Virgin Islands' airports. The public will be kept informed of all future developments.

###

*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.*