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# New Dumping Zone and Safer Access Road Open at Virgin Gorda Dumpsite

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The Department of Waste Management has opened a new dumping zone and access road at the Virgin Gorda Dumpsite to improve safety and provide easier access for vehicles transporting waste to the facility.

The newly constructed haul road features a gentler slope, providing a safer route for heavy vehicles carrying loads into the dumping zone. The improvement is designed to reduce the risk of vehicles losing control while descending into the site.

The new dumping zone also features a wide level platform, allowing drivers sufficient space to unload materials, turn around and exit safely.

Director of the Department of Waste Management, Mr. Brian Davis, said the improvements are intended to create a safer environment for drivers, employees and other persons using the facility.

“The safety of everyone who uses our site comes first. The new haul road gives loaded trucks a gentler, more controlled way down to the dumping zone, and the flat platform gives drivers room to tip and turn around safely,” Mr. Davis said.

The Department is advising all drivers to use the new haul road and dumping zone and to follow the directions of the site supervisor.

Drivers are also reminded to use low gear when descending, reduce speed when approaching bends and avoid overtaking. Vehicles must be positioned on level ground with the brakes secured before unloading, and tipping beds must be fully lowered before moving.

The new dumping zone will accommodate construction and demolition rubble, concrete, soil and fill, and green waste.

Bulk metal, tyres, batteries, oil, household garbage, chemicals, hazardous waste and medical waste will not be accepted at the new zone. These materials must be taken to the appropriate designated areas of the site.

To assist drivers in navigating the new route, the Department has produced a short instructional video featuring drone footage of the haul road and dumping zone. The

video provides guidance on accessing the facility, safe unloading procedures, accepted materials and operating hours.

The Virgin Gorda Dumpsite operates Monday to Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The Department of Waste Management encourages all users of the facility to observe the safety guidelines and cooperate with site personnel to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

The Department of Waste Management is committed to ensuring that the natural beauty of the Territory is enhanced by utilising state of the art waste management technology to ensure timely collection disposal and where possible the recycling of waste.

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