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Senator-At-Large Angel Bolques Jr. Praises EPA's Rigorous Water Quality Study in St. Croix

St. Croix – Senator-At-Large Angel Bolques Jr. commended the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its detailed study on the drinking water quality in St. Croix under Project Number 2311021. This project, spearheaded by John R. Bourbon, Chief of the Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division (LSASD) at the Region 2 Laboratory, represents a significant step forward in ensuring the safety and quality of drinking water in the region.

The EPA Region 2 Laboratory, accredited by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference Institute (TNI), follows stringent guidelines to generate known and defensible environmental data. In line with TNI standards, the laboratory's tests have played a crucial role in this study. Senator Bolques added, "The thoroughness of the EPA's methods, including specific data qualifiers for the analysis of each analyte, provides us with a clear and detailed understanding of our water quality. This level of detail is essential for making informed decisions about our environmental resources and impact on public health."

The report includes specific data qualifiers, such as U (undetected analyte), J (acceptable identification with an estimated value), K (potential high bias), L (potential low bias), and NJ (presumptive evidence with tentative identification), ensuring comprehensive analysis and reporting.

Senator Bolques concluded, "As we continue to prioritize the health and well-being of our citizens, this study serves as a vital resource. I assure the people of St. Croix that we will continue to monitor and collaboratively act on these findings to maintain and require the enhancement of our water quality. The GVI's collaboration with the EPA and other agencies will remain steadfast in this mission. I wish to reiterate my deep commitment to the environmental well-being and public health of St. Croix and our entire territory. The findings of the EPA's comprehensive water study are not just numbers and data points; they reflect the ongoing efforts and dedication to safeguarding our water resources for current and future generations. I will continue to monitor and collaborate closely with federal and local agencies to ensure that our actions are informed, effective, and in the best interest of our people. Together, we can build a legacy of environmental stewardship and ensure that our community's health and access to clean water in St. Croix are preserved for many years to come."

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