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VING Conducts Training in Support of Salt River Innovative Readiness Project Monday, March 14

The Virgin Islands National Guard 652nd Engineer Platoon conducts their Annual Training exercise in support of the ongoing Salt River Innovative Readiness Project starting Monday, March 14, 2011.

The Salt River Innovative Readiness Project is a joint venture between the National Guard, National Park Service, and with assistance from local government agencies, to restore the Salt river Bay peninsula to its regular state. The project started in 2010 and will continue throughout 2011 - 2012.

The 652nd Engineer Platoon will be responsible in the removal of abandoned construction materials and distributing them for reuse at various pre-approved locations, such as the VING training areas and the National Park Service sites.

The National Guard's role is part of the Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) program that provides support and services to eligible organizations and agencies outside of the Department of Defense to address community and civic needs by applying military personnel to assist a worthy cause. Innovative readiness Training events provide critical skills and collective task training for Army National Guard units.

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