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New Water Leak In Sunny Isle Area Lengthens Repair Work, W.A.P.A. Says

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ST. CROIX -- Crews from the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's Water Distribution division continued late Thursday carrying out repairs on yet another leak discovered in the potable water lines near the Sunny Isle Shopping Center here, according to a W.A.P.A. press release.

According to Interim Executive Director Julio A. Rhymer, Sr., as crews were wrapping up repairs Thursday afternoon on the final of two leaks discovered overnight Wednesday, yet another rupture occurred. Crews have deduced that these leaks, identified as holes in the piping, are usually the cause of either manufactured defects or improper bedding from the original installation of the pipes. This piping system was installed some 46 years

ago, according to W.A.P.A.

While crews continue working into the night Thursday to repair the newly discovered leak, the Contentment Pump Station will remain isolated, W.A.P.A. says. Water service interruption continues from Contentment to the Kingshill Storage Tank. Areas affected by the water service interruption include: Estates Catherine's Rest, Humburg, Pearl, and Castle Coakley.

W.A.P.A. apologized for the inconvenience caused by the service interruption and assured the public that crews would continue working to make the repairs as quickly as possible so that potable water service can be restored.

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