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St. Croix Legislature To Reopen Thursday Following All-Clear From Waste Management

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ST. CROIX -- The legislative building on this island will reopen for business on Thursday, after Waste Management Authority officials gave the all-clear to the 32nd Legislature on Wednesday.

"Based on an assessment that was made, the Virgin Islands Waste Management Authority informed the Legislature that there are no longer releases of effluent, and the repair and clean-up work including sanitization will be completed by midnight tonight, or earlier," reads a release the 32nd Legislature issued this afternoon.

Important Senate hearings were abruptly postponed on Tuesday following the breaking of a sewage main that's stationed near the legislative building.

"The Legislature of the Virgin Islands announces the immediate closure of the Lagoon Street Complex on St. Croix for the remainder of the day. The closure is a result of a break in the Lagoon Street Pump Station's force main," read a release issued by the 32nd Legislature following the break on Tuesday.

A Consortium reporter visited the Legislature about 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, only to find the facility — at least on appearance — vacated. There was also a strong stench emanating from the nearby main.

Meetings set for Wednesday included a truancy measure by Senator Novelle Francis, as well as a single-sex education bill, sponsored by Senator Nereida Rivera-O'Reilly. The Legislature did not say when those measures would be rescheduled for hearings, but meetings set for the remainder of the week were to proceed as planned.