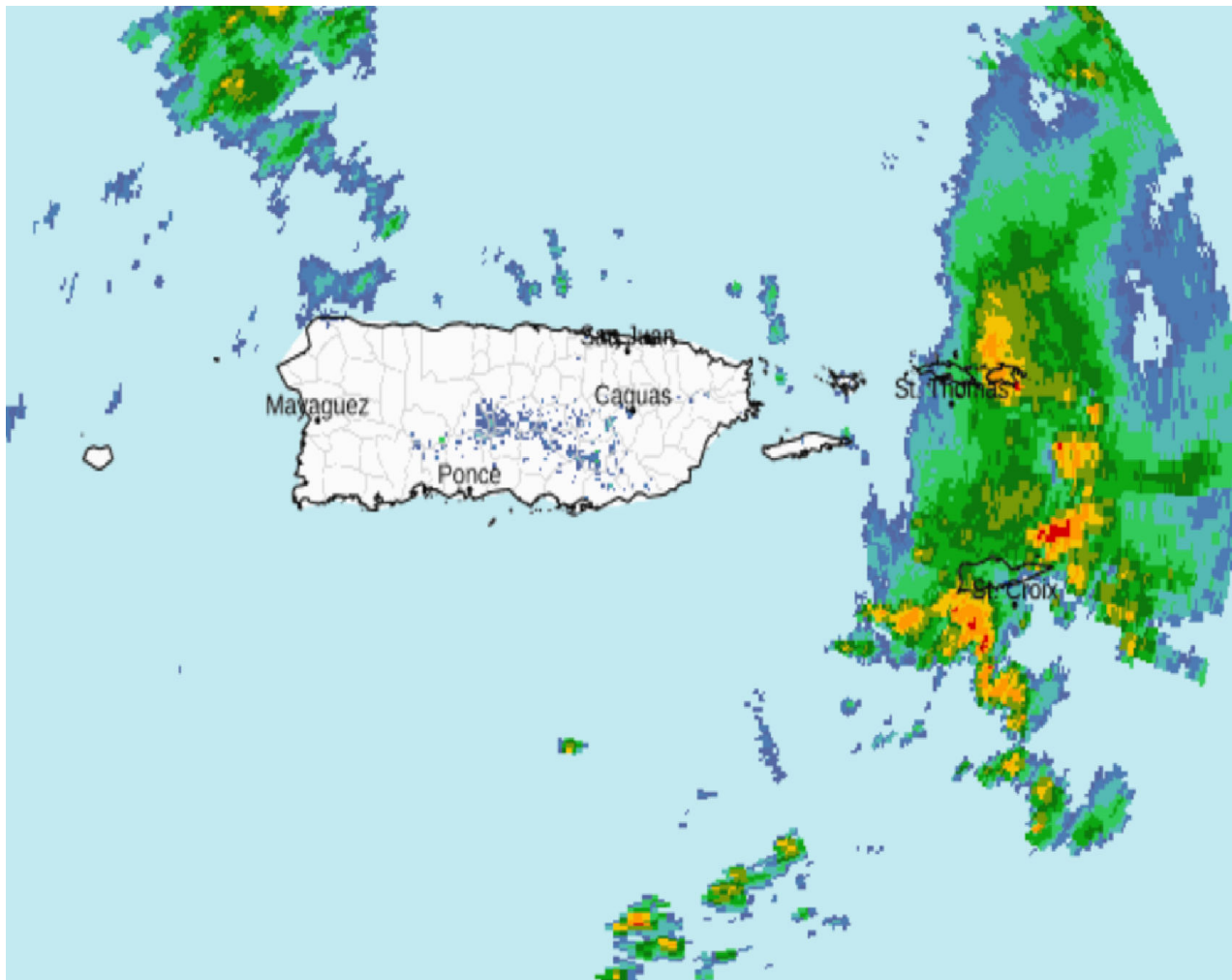


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National Weather Service Warning of Deteriorating Weather Through Weekend

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A radar showing the weather pattern over the USVI and Puerto Rico on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2022. By. THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

The National Weather Service has issued a weather advisory for the U.S. Virgin Islands, warning of excessive rainfall, flooding of urban areas, roads, small streams, and guts.

In a special alert, NSW said a flood warning is in effect until 11:15 p.m. Thursday. "This is a dangerous and life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel unless you are fleeing an area subject to flooding or under evacuation order."

On its website, NSW said, "Lightning, numerous thunderstorms possible across the U.S. Virgin Islands," NWS said, warning against outdoor activities and encouraging individuals to stay indoors.

Urban and gut flooding is possible Friday and Saturday. Isolated thunderstorms are expected Friday through Monday.

"A wet and unstable weather pattern will prevail today and throughout the weekend. Periods of heavy rainfall due to thunderstorms may affect portions of the islands, especially during the afternoon. Urban and small stream flooding and isolated flash flooding will be possible," stated Carlos Anselmi of the National Weather Service out of Puerto Rico. He said the deteriorating weather results from Hurricane Ian's move along the eastern coast, pulling over the region excessive moisture.

NWS also warned of life-threatening rip currents are possible in the surf zone particularly in Saint Croix.

There is a moderate risk of rip currents Friday, Tuesday and Wednesday, mostly in St. Croix.