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Message from the Commissioner

As Hurricane Omar has now passed over the Territory, we are thankful to report that the impact to our islands has been minimal.

On St. Croix, crews are now working to ensure that power is restored to all areas of the island and remove debris from roads. The island's two major highways are now open and smaller roadways are being cleared. No major damage has been reported by the hotel properties on St. Croix.

No major power outages or damages have been reported on St. John or St. Thomas and minor debris will be cleared from the roads by early afternoon.

The Territory's two major airports are open and fully operational, and we expect commercial traffic to resume this afternoon.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism continues to take all appropriate measures to minimize the storm's impact for our on-island visitors and has put the safety of our guests first.

We look forward to welcoming additional visitors to the Territory as early as this afternoon.

We thank all of our on-island partners, government agencies and our Caribbean neighbors for their prayers and support over the past few days.

Sincerely,

Beverly Nicholson-Doty

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Commissioner
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