

Rats to blame for power outage at the Mount Saint John Medical Centre

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Rodents were the cause of Friday night's brief power outage at the Mount Saint John Medical Centre, according to the Antigua Public Utilities Authority.

APUA transmission and distribution engineer, Jason Peters says the problem was not a blown transformer as first reported.

He says rats found in a switch gear caused a short circuit.

Yesterday, Chairman of the Mount Saint John Board of Directors, Bernard Percival had said the hospital's generators did not come on immediately. As well, other sources tell Observer media that the delay lasted several minutes.

Peters says that while he doesn't believe that short would have affected the generators, the hospital's engineer would have to determine the cause of the delay.