

**TEMPORARY CLOSURE REPORT DUE TO A SHORT-TERM POLLUTION AT
SITE CODE B05 Wilga Street St Julians
(14th July- 21st July 2025)**

On the 14th July a complaint reached the Environmental Health Directorate overflow of foul water into the sea at Wilga Street St Julians.

Following an onsite investigation 14th July at 11:00 by the Environmental Health Officers (EHOs), it was confirmed that there was an overflow of foul water into the sea as per photo below.

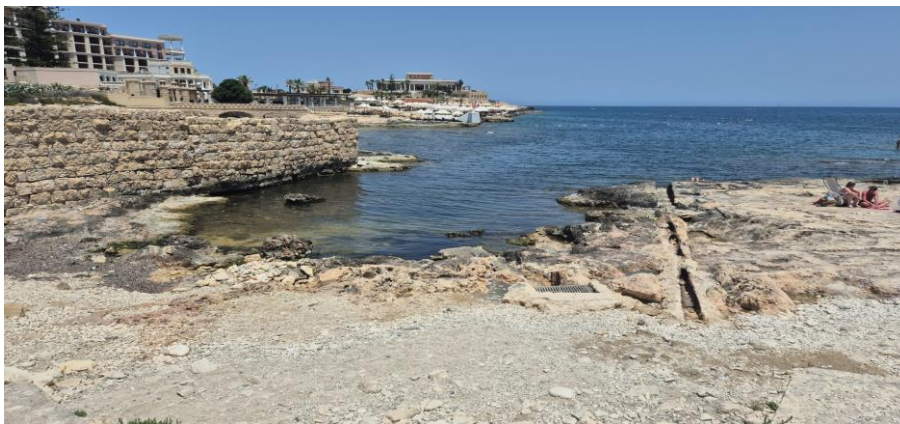


Figure 1: contaminated area



Figure 3: foul water percolation



Figure 2: percolation into the sea

A sample from the overflow was taken and it was confirmed that the site was being contaminated. The EHOs informed the Water Service Corporation to coordinate the investigations to determine the source of contamination.

The official bathing area was temporary closed in accordance with the procedure stipulated by L.N. 125 of 2008, as per press release ([PR251281](#))

The map below indicating the affected area.



Figure 4: site location

Public information signs indicating that the bathing area is temporary closed were also affixed by the EHOs (as below photos).



Figure 5: Warning Sign 1



Figure 6: warning sign 2



Figure 7: warning sign 3



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Daily sea water samples were collected from Site Code B05 and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Services (PHLS) for analysis for the microbiological parameters, Escherichia coli (EC) and Intestinal enterococci (IE). Table 1 below lists the samples details and results.

On the 15th July, the overflow of foul water decreased considerably and on the 16th July 2025 the overflow ceased. Daily checks were carried out until the 21st July and it was noted the overflow had not reoccurred again.

DATE	SITE CODE	EC / 100 mls	IE / 100 mls
14/07/2025	B05	34,659	34,659
15/07/2025	B05	5035	110
16/07/2025	B05	15	15
17/07/2025	B05	127	15
18/07/2025	B05	15	15
19/07/2025	B05	30	15
Threshold limits for microbiological parameters as per Regulation 8(a) <i>Escherichia coli (EC) – 1000 cfu/100 mls</i> <i>Intestinal enterococci (IE) – 500 cfu/100 mls</i>			

Table 1: Sample Results

On 21st July 2025, following 3 consecutive sample results that conformed to LN 125 of 2008, another press release ([PR251316](#)) was issued to inform the public that the official bathing site (Code B05) was once again fit for bathing and that the previous health warning had been withdrawn. The onsite public information signs, indicating the temporary closure of the bathing area, were also removed.

Conclusion

The cause of this short-term pollution at the bathing area with Site Code B05 Wilga Street St Julians was due to a discharge of foul water. The short-term pollution lasted for 2 days (14 & 15th July 2025), however, the bathing site could only be officially opened once 3 consecutive laboratory results confirmed that both microbiological parameters were within the threshold limits stipulated in L.N 125 of 2008. The health warning was withdrawn on the 21st July 2025.