

Beach Area Closed Due To UXO

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Essex, United Kingdom Authorities closed Essex Beach due to explosives safety concerns from UXO. The decision, made in consultation with the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA), was due to a large number of UXO reports (approximately 50) over the past three months. The newly discovered UXO is reportedly washing ashore from the nearby MOD training area due in part to increasing tides and changing weather patterns in the area. The recent UXO finds include WWI ordnance including mortars.

New signage and fencing is being erected to warn beach goers to stay away from the closed areas until the Royal Navy completes a survey of the area which is expected to take several weeks.

