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UPGRADING WORK AFFECTS WATER SUPPLY TO ST. THOMAS COMMUNITIES

The National Water Commission (NWC) is currently carrying out major rehabilitation work at its **White Hall Filter Plant in St. Thomas**. The work is being conducted in two (2) phases. Phase 1 entails the rehabilitation of the rapid filters at the plant and will be completed in June of this year. Phase 2, involves the rehabilitation of the building's infrastructure. This phase will begin in June and end in December 2008.

Currently one filter has been taken out for repairs and rehabilitation. The other three filters are in operation. This has resulted in the production capacity of the plant being reduced by 20 %, leaving some customers without their regular water supply and others with low water pressure. Customers are being advised to store water for use during this period of disruption.

The affected areas include **Soho, White Hall, Seaforth, Middleton Road, Stewartfield, and Navaree Lane**.

This water supply upgrading work is expected to improve the reliability of the water supply in the area and will also enable the plant to effectively handle the problem of high turbidity (heavy mud flows) during periods of heavy rainfall.

The NWC apologizes for the inconvenience that may be caused by these necessary upgrading works, and encourages customers to bear with them as they work to improve the water supply in the area.

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