



The Editor

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NWC OPERATIONS AFFECTED BY ARSON, THEFT & VANDALISM

Last week, operations at two different NWC wastewater facilities in St. Catherine were severely affected by acts of vandalism, theft and arson.

Ongoing work by a contractor working on behalf of the Commission to clean and remove growth from the Wastewater Ponds in Portmore was disrupted on Wednesday, February 18 by persons who descended on the work site making certain demands. As a result of this incident Damage was caused to a two electricity poles and the facility was without electricity for approximately 24 hours. The Fire Brigade was called to put out the fire and a report was made to the Police. Normal operations at the Portmore Wastewater Ponds have seen been restored.

In a separate incident on Thursday, February 19, operations at another NWC facility was also affected when unscrupulous individuals cut along the base of and removed a pump at the Angels Pumping Station. This also was reported to the Police and has since been addressed by the Commission.

These most unfortunate incidents demonstrate only a few of the ongoing challenges faced by the NWC in its quest to provide the best possible water and waste water service to customers across the country.

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