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### **Some Western Systems Now Affected By Drought Conditions**

Just when the National Water Commission was hoping that the drought was being broken, some of its systems in Western Jamaica are now being adversely affected by low outputs. About 80 systems in the south eastern section of the country are still being affected by drought conditions also.

The Queen of Spain System in Trelawny, which augments the Great River Water Supply to serve areas along the Coast, is recording 2 million gallons per day (mgd) less than normal. As a result, customers in higher elevations are currently being affected by low or no water conditions.

Additionally, the Logwood Treatment Plant in Hanover is yielding 50% of its rated 7.5 million gallons of water per day (mgd), making the shortfall from both systems approximately 6 million gallons of water per day (mgd).

Areas affected include Wakefield, Deeside, Bunkers Hill, Friendship, Bounty Hall, Hammersmith, New Cargen, Hampsden, Green Park and Falmouth in Trelawny, as well as sections of Montego Bay, St. James.

The drought conditions affecting the Logwood Treatment Plant may also be expected to affect supplies to Logwood, March Town, Cave Valley, Santoy, Orange Bay, Negril, Sheffield, Green Island, Salt Spring, Lucea, Esher, Elgin Town, Malcolm Heights, Haughton Court, Cauldwell, Pell River, First Hill, Archwell, Saxam, Bloody Bay, Sheffield, Negril West End, New Hope, Retreat, Nompriel and Westland Mountain.

The National Water Commission appeals to all customers to practice continued conservation measures, and to store water in an effort to combat the drought.

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