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## **STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION REGARDING TRAGIC ACCIDENT**

The National Water Commission (NWC) has been advised by Ronham and Associates Ltd., an independent contractor undertaking the construction of sanitary collector sewers along a section of Barbican Road/Cedar Valley/Standpipe Lane/Ravinia/College Green in St. Andrew, of a most unfortunate and tragic accident this afternoon claiming the lives of two persons.

Initial reports are that the embankment of a trench being worked on in the vicinity of the Chinese Cultural Centre off Barbican Road collapsed earlier this afternoon, killing two of the contractor's workmen and injuring a third workman. The third workman has been hospitalized.

Emergency services personnel have been called to the scene and various investigations are underway. The National Water Commission deeply regrets this most tragic loss of life and has launched its own investigation into the incident to determine all the facts.

The project is part of efforts to expand the sewerage network and thus protect the health and environment of the Corporate Area, facilitate further development in the targeted areas, and allow for the retirement of aged, inadequate and malfunctioning facilities through connection to the new Soapberry Sewage Treatment Plant.

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