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Flood Rains Impact Some Water Supply Sources

Following on the continued rainfall being experienced across the country for the last several days, the National Water Commission (NWC) is reporting that approximately 80 of its 460 water supply systems (or about 18% of its systems) have been significantly impacted primarily by very high turbidity or muddy inflows and blocked intakes but also to a lesser extent a combination of blocked access ways, and dislocated pipelines and power supply disruptions resulting in some customers being without piped water service at this time.

The impacted systems include:

St. Ann

Thatch Hill Pumping Station
Chester Spring
Roaring River Treatment Plant
Circle River Treatment Plant
Avis Field Spring
Content Spring
Higgin Town Spring
Liberty Spring
Dawson Town Spring
Cascade Treatment Plant

Trelawny/St. James

Troy Pumping Station
Green Town Pumping Station
Ulster Spring Pumping Station
Niagra Treatment Plant
Vaughnsfield Pumping Station
Tangle River Pumping Station

Westmoreland

Bulstrode Treatment Plant

Manchester

Moravia Treatment Plant
Two Meetings Treatment Plant
Benlmonds River

Siloah

St. Mary/Portland

Rock Spring
Palmetto Grove
Lucky Hill
Pembroke Hall
Aqualta Vale (Nuttsfield, Highgate)
Windsor Castle
Hope Bay
Craig Mill
Belvedere

St. Catherine

Lluidas Vale
SunnySide
Tulloch Springs

St. Thomas

Bath
Port Morant
Spring Gardens
Goodyear/Springfield
Needham Pen
Somerset/Trinityville
Easington/Yallahs

Cedar Valley
Wilmington
Kellits

Clarendon

Aenon Town
Fairburn
Patterson Spring
Peace River
Rock River
Cattah
Crooked River
Kemps Hill
Preddie

St. Andrew

Constitution Hill
Clydesdale
Craig Hill
Drummond
Flamstead
Friendship Brook
Griffin

Halls Delight
Harbour River
Hibbert Spring
John Spring
Kelly Spring
Lime Tree
Middleton
Mile Gully
Mountain House
Orchard
Pulpa Spring
Queen Hill
Rosey River
Solas Spring
Sugar Loaf
Suzie Spring
Violet Bank
King Weston
Barnett Wood
Bucky Plain
Mahoney
Castle James

The NWC reminds customers that water supply systems are inherently vulnerable to the effects of floods and storms. This is because most systems, of necessity, are heavily dependent on the National Power Grid for normal operations; intakes are situated in riverbeds and are susceptible to flood damages and blockages; wells are often located in low lying plains and susceptible to flooding; pipelines are exposed to land slides, which oftentimes cause dislocation and breakages; water sources are exposed to very muddy inflows (high turbidity) after heavy rainfall; and most water systems are at least partly situated in very remote areas that are difficult to access even under normal conditions.

The National Water Commission is advising those customers currently without water or experiencing low water pressure that it is doing all it can, under the circumstances, to restore all systems in the shortest possible time and asks for their continued patience and understanding.

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