



To: All News Editors

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**URGENT**

**FOLLOW-UP STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL WATER COMMISSION  
REGARDING WATER QUALITY TO SECTIONS OF KINGSTON**

As a follow up to the earlier public advisory by the Ministry of Health and an earlier release from the National Water Commission, the public is being advised of the following:

- Various work teams from the National Water Commission in collaboration with the Ministry of Health worked throughout the night to institute corrective measures and to conduct intensive sample collection and monitoring.
- The results of the repeated tests at various points of the water distribution network in the previously affected areas around Cross Roads and Downtown have been found to be now in keeping with the acceptable standards.
- A meeting was convened by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Housing, Environment and Water, with representatives of the Ministry of Health (MOH), the National Water Commission (NWC), the Kingston Public Hospital and the Water Resources Authority (WRA) to assess the situation and to outline the way forward.
- At the meeting it was confirmed that the repeated samples taken throughout last night and since this morning showed compliance with the standards at all collection points.
- It was agreed that careful joint monitoring of the situation will continue between the Ministry of Health and the NWC.

The National Water Commission assures the public that it will continue to monitor the situation very carefully in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and thanks the public for its understanding and cooperation.

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