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

The National Water Commission (NWC) is advising that the water being supplied to the vicinities of Marescaux Road, South Camp Road, Kingston Public Hospital (KPH) and other areas of Downtown Kingston is being carefully monitored to achieve standards acceptable to the Ministry of Health.

According to the Commission, the reduced chlorine residual readings at specific checkpoints between areas bordering Slipe Pen Road and South Camp Road were as a result of the recent failure of the Montgomery Corner Well and the subsequent challenge with the chlorination system.

The National Water Commission is assuring its valued customers that the company has been actively working with the Ministry of Health to address the issue and together will continue to carefully monitor the situation which has already shown marked signs of improvement based on tests done throughout the night. In the meantime, the NWC continues to defer to the Ministry of Health in respect of the advisory for the affected areas.

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