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## **TURBIDITY AFFECTS WATER SUPPLY IN SEVERAL PARISHES**

The National Water Commission is advising that some eleven of its water supply systems in St. Thomas and a number of others in some western parishes are currently out of operation due to turbidity and blocked intakes. These conditions have resulted in the temporary closure of the affected facilities which include:

In St. Thomas:

**Cedar Valley Filter Plant**  
**Arntully Grove Pumping Station**  
**Somerset/Trinityville Water Supply System**  
**Needham Pen/Ward River Pumping Station**  
**Davis Mountain Water Supply System**  
**Nutts River Pumping Station**  
**Windsor Castle Water Supply System**  
**Easington/Yallahs Filter Plant**  
**Bath Water Supply System**  
**Port Morant Pumping Station**  
**Goatridge Water Supply System**

In **St. James** the affected facilities include: **Mafoota, Vaughnsfield and Endeavour Pumping Stations, Niagra and Cambrige Treatment Plants and the DantROUT water supply system.** While in **Trelawny,** the **Queen of Spain Wells 1 & 3, Troy, Greentown and Ulster Spring pumping stations** are out of operation. Additionally, the **Cascade pumping station in Hanover,** the **Bulstrode Treatment Plant in Westmoreland** and the **Two Meetings Treatment Plant in Manchester** are also affected.

Customers served by the mentioned facilities will therefore experience no water conditions until the turbid conditions have abated and the blocked intakes are cleared. The company is reminding customers that turbid conditions sometimes follow a period of heavy rainfall which causes water sources to become muddy thereby making extraction and treatment difficult.

In the meantime, the **Spring Garden Pumping Station located in St. Thomas** is out of operation as a result of power supply problems. The matter has been brought to the attention of the public power supply company and every effort is being made to restore normal operations at the facility.

The National Commission sincerely regrets any inconvenience caused and is currently working to ensure restoration of service at all these facilities at the soonest possible time.

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