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DAMAGED YALLAHS PIPELINE IMPACTING MONA SYSTEM WATER SUPPLY AT NIGHTS

Stemming from damage sustained to the critical 19-mile long Yallahs cross-country pipeline during recent heavy rains, the National Water Commission is reporting that service to customers in the Kingston Metropolitan Area served by the Mona Water Treatment Plant is now being affected during the nights.

The damage to the Yallahs Pipeline has resulted in no flows being received at the Mona Reservoir from both the Yallahs and Negro Rivers in St. Thomas. Both rivers normally contribute more than 60% of the daily inflows to the reservoir, with the remaining flows coming from the Hope River in St. Andrew.

Repairs to the dislocated pipeline and its related support structures have already commenced and are expected to be completed later in June.

The NWC is making every effort to limit the negative impact of this pipeline dislocation on its customers served by the Mona Water Supply System to between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. nightly. Customers on this system are expected to experience no water or low water pressure condition during these hours, depending on their elevations and location on the network. This is expected to continue for the next few weeks until the Yallahs Pipeline is put back into operation.

The NWC apologizes to its valued customers and regrets any inconvenience caused.

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