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Corporate Communications Department

WASA STRONGLY CONDEMNS INDISCRIMINATE DISCHARGE INTO THE GUANAPO RIVER –
Public is assured water along the distribution network is safe.

The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) has become aware of and strongly condemns the irresponsible actions of a contractor engaged in quarrying activity, who has been discharging effluent directly into drains that flow into the upstream Guanapo River. This discharge has resulted in the watercourse turning brown, posing a significant threat to water production and the operations of the Caroni Water Treatment Plant. The immediate resultant effect is a decrease in water availability as the current conditions require that we purify and sanitize more to get less.

WASA wishes to assure the public that the water supply leaving the Caroni Water Treatment Plant continues to meet the highest standards of quality and safety. The Authority has implemented stringent monitoring and treatment protocols to ensure that the water distributed to our customers remains safe for consumption and use.

This incident is not only a violation of environmental regulations but also a reckless act that challenges the Authority's ability to maintain uninterrupted water production. WASA is working closely with relevant regulatory agencies, including the Environmental Management Authority (EMA), to investigate this matter and take all necessary actions to bring an end to this harmful activity.

It is deeply concerning that this is not an isolated incident. In 2021, a similar event occurred, which forced a disruption in production at the Caroni Water Treatment Plant, causing undue inconvenience to thousands of customers served by the facility. WASA is committed to ensuring that such an event does not recur and will pursue every legal option available to hold those responsible accountable.

The Authority urges the public to report any suspicious or illegal activities that may threaten our water resources. WASA remains steadfast in its commitment to protecting the nation's water sources and ensuring the continued delivery of safe, reliable water to all citizens.

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Guanapo Watercourse



Caroni Intake