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WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY
OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

WASA alerted to ill-advised Protest in Coalmine, Sangre Grande

Despite working closely with the Local Government Representative and residents of the Upper Cunapo Road, Sangre Grande community, in relation to the provision a pipe borne water supply, today, Saturday 17th August 2024, the Water and Sewerage Authority (the Authority), was alerted to a planned protest by some members of the community.

The Authority sees this as extremely unfortunate as not only has this community received a pipe borne supply on **Friday 16th August 2024**, but will also receive another supply this evening, **Saturday 17th August 2024, overnight, to Sunday 18th August 2024**. The next supply to that community will be on the evening of **Wednesday 21st, overnight, to Thursday 22nd August 2024**, as per established schedule. The community in question is located at the extremities of the North Oropouche pipeline system, and challenges to the system brought on by harsh dry season conditions and climate change have negatively impacted pressures to the area. However, the Authority is committed to and have been working with the community and its representatives to ensure that their needs are met.

It is now apparent that attempts are being made to agitate communities to engage in protest action, bypassing dialogue and civility in the process. Further information coming to the Authority suggests that some media elements are being drawn into this fray, and one can only hope that our fourth estate (the media), will remain above such ignoble activity.

The Authority has clearly demonstrated a willingness to engage in constant and meaningful dialogue with all stakeholders and will continue to do so.

The transformation of the Authority requires an all-hands-on deck approach. The time to join in WASA's transformation is now, and it requires a respectful, disciplined and truthful engagement by all parties, with the sole purpose being a reliable and sustainable water supply.

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