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WASA CONDEMNS VANDALISM AT TABAQUITE BOOSTER STATION; ASSURES RESIDENTS OF RAPID RESPONSE

Wednesday 18th November 2026: The Water and Sewerage Authority (WASA) strongly condemns an act of vandalism at its Tabaquite Booster Station, discovered at approximately 6:48 a.m. today, in which unknown individuals removed critical electrical cables and other equipment, rendering the facility inoperable.

As a result, the pipe-borne water supply to Tabaquite including Side Streets, Stone Road, and Guaracara End Point has been disrupted.

The incident has also affected the operating schedule of the Alleyne Road Booster Station, disrupting supply to Alleyne Road, Brasso Venado, and Los Attojos. This has further slowed the replenishment of the Guaracara Reservoir, consequently affecting supply to its associated areas, including Farnum Village and Guaracara High Point.

The Trinidad and Tobago Electricity Commission (T&TEC) was immediately notified and has safely disconnected power to the facility. Technical teams from both utilities are currently assessing the extent of the damage and working assiduously to repair the electrical infrastructure and restore normal operations as quickly as possible.

WASA reminds the public that tampering with or damaging public infrastructure is a serious criminal offence. Section 25 of the Summary Offences Act (Chap. 11:02) and Section 45 of the Malicious Damage Act (Chap. 11:06) prescribe penalties, including fines and imprisonment, for anyone convicted of wilfully or maliciously damaging property.

The Authority urges all citizens to respect and protect public utilities, as acts of vandalism undermine WASA's ability to deliver reliable water and wastewater services and cause widespread hardship to communities.

WASA is working closely with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and other relevant authorities to investigate this incident and prevent further occurrences. Members of the public are encouraged to report any suspicious activity near water and wastewater facilities to the Vandalism Hotline at 496-6738.

The Authority apologises for the inconvenience caused and assures affected customers that every effort is being made to restore a regular water supply in the shortest possible timeframe.

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About WASA:

Governed by the Water and Sewerage Act Chapter 54:40, WASA is Trinidad and Tobago's national water utility, committed to providing safe, reliable, and equitable water and wastewater services while promoting conservation and sustainable resource use.

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