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Soil Testing Begins for Critical Northside Waterline Replacement Project

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (January 13, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to inform the public about upcoming soil boring activities as part of the Northside Waterline Replacement Project. These activities, conducted by Jaca & Sierra Engineering on behalf of the Authority, are essential for evaluating the current water system and designing a more efficient replacement.

Soil borings will be carried out along the Northside Highway, as well as in the Mon Bijou-Glynn, Richmond-La Grande Princesse, and Contentment-Richmond area. This process will collect critical data to support the replacement of the existing waterline system in these areas.

The soil boring process is non-invasive, will occur within the Department of Public Works’ right-of-way, and will not impact private property. These activities are anticipated to continue through March 2025.

The Authority is committed to improving infrastructure and providing reliable services to the community. Further updates on this project will be shared as work progresses.

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About WAPA: The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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