



Attention: News Editors

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NWC Rehabilitating Greater Portmore Wastewater Treatment Plant

The National Water Commission (NWC) wishes to advise that the Greater Portmore Ponds Wastewater Treatment Plant is to be rehabilitated over the next twelve (12) months in order to offer improved services to the community. A contractor has been mobilized and work on the project which is valued at **J\$828,838,654.00** has commenced. The wastewater treatment plant was commissioned in 1991 and is situated on Lower West Henderson Boulevard, Greater Portmore in St. Catherine.

The National Water Commission had earlier commissioned an engineering study to review the existing status of the treatment plant well as to develop a proposal to rehabilitate and upgrade the facility. These tasks were mainly in preparation for the plant to receive additional flows from new subdivisions in the municipality as well as the meeting and adhering of all environmental standards.

The scope of work for the project involves an upgrade of the main pumping station, rehabilitation of the Eastern Ponds and Headworks as well as the construction of new reed beds, which are an important aspect of the overall treatment process.

Other aims of the project include, a reduction in environmental hazards and risks to the surrounding community as well as an extension of the customer base and service coverage areas.

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