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RIO COBRE/TULLOCH SPRING 33" PIPELINE ALONG MANDELA HIGHWAY BROKEN AGAIN

The major 33" Rio Cobre/Tulloch Spring Transmission Pipeline along the southern side of the Mandela Highway has today suffered another break from major road improvement activities taking place in the area under the Major Infrastructure Development Programme (MIDP).

The damage has occurred in the same general vicinity of Tom Cringle Drive where another break occurred in January.

While a detailed assessment is still being arranged in preparation for emergency repairs in the shortest possible time, it is expected that water transmission along the pipeline will need to be shut down.

The 33" Rio Cobre/Tulloch Spring Transmission Pipeline is a critical part of the NWC's Corporate Area water supply network, serving sections of Portmore as well as parts of the Corporate Area such as Spanish Town Road, Marcus Garvey Drive, Molynees Road, Washington Boulevard, and sections of Downtown Kingston. The 33" Rio Cobre/Tulloch Spring Transmission Pipeline, along with the previously damaged and now out of operation 18" Ferry Pipeline, is critical to the supply of water to most of the western side of the Corporate Area.

This damage to the pipeline further compounds the previously existing water challenges in the Corporate Area.

The NWC will advise the public as more information becomes available.

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