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WAPA Invites St. Croix's Small Business Owners to a Virtual Town Hall

Updates will be provided on how the Authority is improving water quality on St. Croix



St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands --- The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) extends an invitation to St. Croix business owners for a virtual town hall meeting. This session will provide updates on the EPA's sequential water sampling results in November, WAPA's actions to address the red and brown water, and general updates on WAPA's plans to improve overall water quality in the Territory. The town hall is scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, from 10am to 11:30am via Zoom and Facebook livestream.

"We fully understand the critical importance of providing a safe and clean water supply for our business community," said Andrew Smith, WAPA's CEO and Executive Director. "Although recent EPA sequential sampling indicated much lower lead levels compared to previous September findings, WAPA remains fully committed to ensuring the water supply meets EPA requirements and to eliminating red and brown water. This town hall meeting serves as a vital platform to share essential details, including our action plan to get the work done. We are eager for feedback from our business community," CEO Smith elaborated.

Presenting with WAPA will be representatives from the Departments of Health, Planning & Natural Resources, and other government agencies. Business owners are encouraged to register in advance via <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtceyqqT0rG9GqB-eMci3WVUBb-uArWXyF>. After registering, guests will receive a confirmation email with

information to join the meeting. An ASL interpreter and closed captioning will be available for business owners in need of information. Questions can also be sent in advance to communications@viwapa.vi.

Community town halls and video broadcasts updating the public about WAPA's progress have been conducted over the last several months involving agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Departments of Health, Planning and Natural Resources, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, VITEMA, and Government House. Future town halls to provide ongoing updates to the broader community will continue in January.

More information can be found on WAPA's Facebook page [@USVIWAPA](#) or at cleanwaterusvi.com.

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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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