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**WAPA CONTRACTOR TO BEGIN DRILLING TEST PITS ALONG ANTICIPATED
ROUTE OF ELECTRICAL UNDERGROUND ON ST. JOHN ON MONDAY, MARCH 1**

In preparation for work on the first phase of the St. John Underground Project, WAPA contractor, Haugland Energy VI, will begin drilling test holes along the project route from Frank's Bay near the existing St. John electrical substation to Mongoose Junction on Monday, March 1.

The test holes are necessary to locate and determine the depth of existing underground facilities such as potable water, wastewater lines and telecommunications facilities. Test-digging is used to minimize the potential for damage to existing underground utilities.

While the non-evasive test digging work will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., actual trenching of the underground route will not commence until all permits are finalized.

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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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