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**POTABLE WATER SERVICE AND TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE AFFECTED TUESDAY IN
FREDERIKSTED**

**CREWS TO CAP OLD LINES AND COMPLETE TRANSITION TO NEW WATER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ON ISLAND'S WEST END**

On Tuesday September 21, 2021, maintenance crews from the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's water division and the utility's contractor, Leumas Engineering, will cap old potable water lines in Frederiksted town. The work will result in some areas experiencing a water service interruption. Traffic flow changes will also be required.

Work will begin at 7 a.m. and service should be fully restored by 7 p.m. Line capping will take place at five intersections: New Street and King Cross Street, East Street and Queen Cross Street, New Street and Fisher Street, Hospital Street and Fisher Street and King Street and Fisher Street. While work is underway, the intersections will be closed to thru traffic.

Additionally, Frederiksted Town and Smithfield, Two Brothers and Veterans Shore Drive Road will experience reduced water pressure while customers on Fisher Street and in portions of Smithfield may experience a complete water service interruption.

Tuesday's work will complete the transition from the old water system to the recently completed and modernized water distribution system on St. Croix's west end.

WAPA encourages motorists traversing in and around the work areas to proceed with caution to ensure the safety of the crew, pedestrians and other motorists.

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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.