



THE VIRGIN ISLANDS WATER & POWER AUTHORITY CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS NEWS RELEASE

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WAPA APPEALS TO MOTORISTS TO TRAVERSE THROUGH ROAD PROJECT AREAS WITH EXTREME CAUTION

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is asking that motorists proceed with caution when traversing in and around the electrical undergrounding construction site on the St. Croix south shore.

Crews began work in late September on the project that extends from the Melvin Evans Highway to Wilfred "Bomba" Allick Port and Transshipment Center at Krause Lagoon. Although flaggers are on site to assist with traffic control and directional signs are posted, there have been an increasing number of instances where motorists are proceeding through the work area at high rates of speed and ignoring the directions of roadside personnel.

The Container Port project is one of two electrical undergrounding projects underway on St. Croix. A similar initiative is taking shape on St. John in downtown Cruz Bay.

At all the sites, WAPA encourages motorists to traverse through the work area with caution and to heed the directions of flaggers and traffic control devices installed along the path of the projects. The Authority strives to maintain safety for pedestrians, motorists and work crews.

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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.