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WAPA Provides Update on Geographic Information Systems Deployment

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (“WAPA” or “Authority”) would like to provide an update to customers and community members regarding the ongoing Geographic Information Systems Inventory project for the Authority’s Transmission and Distribution Department. Geographic Information Systems (GIS) will aid in assessments for disaster recovery, accelerate response time to system problems, offer asset tracking, load monitoring, and system analysis.

Technicians from Davey Resource Group, a subcontractor for the project and a national leader in gathering accurate field data for utilities, will be visiting all the Authority’s Transmission and Distribution assets including WAPA poles, meters, and padmount equipment on St. Croix during the week of August 21-31st, 2023.

Manhole inspections will occur along Feeder 1A from Richmond Power Plant to Christiansted. Covered areas will include:

- The intersection of Route 750/752
- West Christiansted
 - Christiansted Street
 - West Street
 - Strand Street
 - Prince Street
 - King Cross Street
- East End Rd (Tague Bay and Knight Bay)
- West Christiansted Harbor
- Altona Lagoon
- East Grange neighborhoods (East of Grange and South of Contentment)

Traffic will be flagged in sections along these roads for short periods. The Davey Resource Group technicians will be using video cameras and other devices during the field inventory and can be identified by their WAPA Contractor ID badges, safety vests, and a Letter of Authority (available upon request). All residents, business owners, and local authorities are asked to provide full cooperation during the inventory project.

Any questions concerning the project may be directed to Ambi Blyden, Interim Planning and Design Manager at 340-774-3552 extension 2270, or ambi.blyden@viwapa.vi.

The Authority thanks the community for its understanding, as we work to enhance our capabilities to provide quality service.

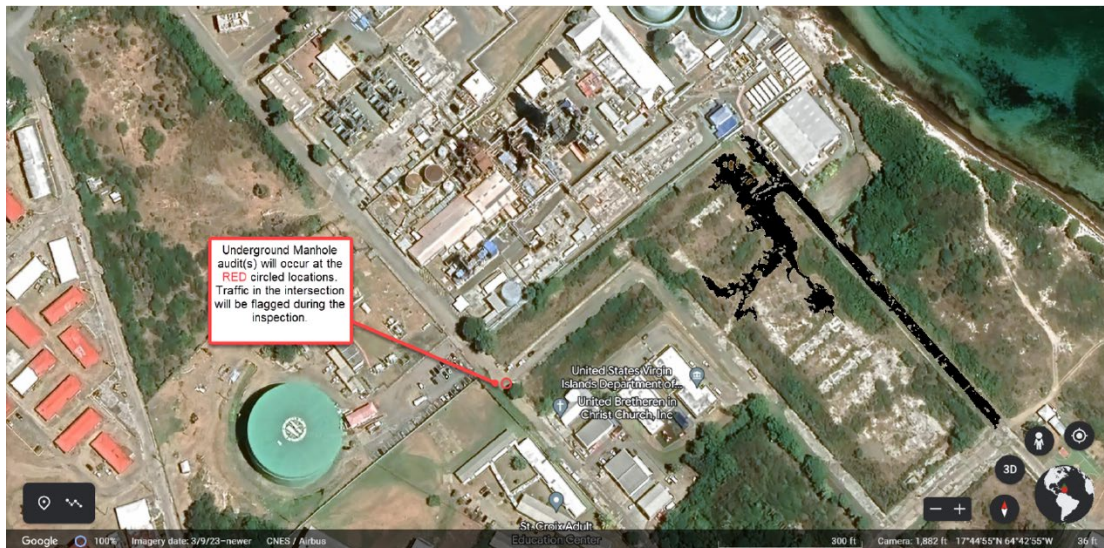


Figure 1: Red circle indicates where the underground manhole audit will occur.



Figure 2: Red highlighted streets indicate where underground manhole audits will be occurring.



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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