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WAPA remèsye tout patnè ki te kontribye nan siksè distribisyon kupon dlo nan St. Croix.

Jiska jodi a, plis pase 20,000 kupon endividyèl te distribye.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS – VI Water and Power Authority Chief Executive Officer Andrew Smith expressed gratitude to all the agency’s partners who made possible the distribution of vouchers this past Saturday through Monday to St. Croix customers in areas impacted by lead and copper in their water. To date, over 20,000 individual vouchers have been issued.

ZILE Vyèj Ameriken yo - Chèf Egzekitif Andrew Smith de Otorite Dlo ak Elektrisite Zile Vyèj te ekspri rekonesans ak tout patnè ajans lan ki te rann posib distribisyon kupon yo pandan Samdi ki sot pase a jiska Lendi pou bay rezidan St. Croix ki ap viv nan zòn ki afekte pa plon ak kwiv nan dlo yo. Jiska jodi a, plis pase 20,000 kupon endividyèl te distribye.

“Clean Water Action is part of the first phase of WAPA’s initiative to immediately address the drinking water concerns of our St. Croix water customers. The efficiency of this extensive endeavor wouldn’t have been possible without invaluable support from our government and private sector collaborators,” said Smith. “The planning and execution involved representatives from various entities, including the Office of the Governor, VITEMA, Departments of Health, Human Services, Planning and Natural Resources, Property and Procurement, Licensing and Consumer Affairs, Police, VI National Guard, Virgin Islands Housing Authority, Bureau of Information Technology, and Viya. Our vendors who have been cooperative in this effort should be thanked and they are The Market, Pueblo’s two locations, Plaza East, and Blue Mountain Water,” added Smith, who also recognized with appreciation the crucial role played by the 35th Legislature in funding the initiative.

“Aksyon Dlo Pwòp se yon pati nan premye faz inisyativ WAPA pou adrese imedyatman enkyetid sou dlo potab kliyan dlo St. Croix nou yo. Efikasite gwo efò sa a pa t ap posib san sipò inestimab nan men gouvènman nou an ak kolaboratè sektè prive nou yo,” Smith te di. “Planifikasyon ak ekzekisyon an

enplike reprezantan ki soti nan plizyè antite, ki gen ladan Biwo Gouvènè a (Office of the Governor), VITEMA, Depatman Lasante (Department of Health), Sèvis Imen (Human Services), Planifikasyon ak Resous Natirèl (Planning and Natural Resources, Pwopriyete ak Akizisyon, Lisans ak Afè Konsomatè (Property and Procurement, Licensing and Consumer Affairs), Lapolis, Gad Nasyonal VI (VI National Guard), Otorite Lojman Zile Vyèj (Virgin Islands Housing Authority), Biwo Teknoloji Enfòmasyon (Bureau of Information Technology), ak Viya. Nou ta dwe remèsye machann nou yo ki te kowopere nan efò sa e sa gen ladann The Market, tou de lokal Pueblo yo , Plaza East, ak Blue Mountain Water,” Smith te ajoute , ki te rekonèt ak apresyasyon wòl enpòtan 35yèm Lejislati a te jwe nan finansman inisyativ la.

“We especially thank our water customers who took advantage of the voucher distribution and are now drinking and cooking with safe bottled water,” Smith said, also noting that WAPA customer service representatives will be calling those who pre-registered and did not pick up their vouchers or who needed further proof of eligibility.

“Nou remèsye espesyalman kliyan dlo nou yo ki te pwofite nan distribisyon kupon an epi ki kounye a ap bwè ak kwit manje ak dlo ki nan boutèy,” Smith te di, li te remake tou ke reprezantan sèvis kliyan WAPA yo pral rele moun ki te gentan anrejistre epi ki pa t vin chèche kupon yo oswa ki te bezwen plis prèv elijiblite.

The public should also be reminded that VI Housing Authority residents in Aureo Diaz Heights, Candido Guadalupe, Williams Delight, Whim Gardens, and Walter I.M. Hodge communities, residents of the Louis E. Brown, Vista Mar and Mutual Homes private communities, and Meals on Wheels participants (including those on the waiting list), are receiving their water vouchers through their respective agencies.

Yo ta dwe raple piblik la tou ke rezidan Otorite Lojman VI (VI Housing Authority) nan Aureo Diaz Heights, Candido Guadalupe, Williams Delight, Whim Gardens, ak Walter I.M. Hodge kominote yo, moun ki abite nan kominote prive Louis E. Brown, Vista Mar ak Mutual Homes, ak patisipan nan pwogram “Meals on Wheels” (ki gen ladan moun ki sou lis datant yo), ap resevwa kupon dlo yo atravè ajans respektif yo.

WAPA is also encouraging the recipients to dispose of their empty water bottles responsibly, and if possible, take them to any available recycling center including The Market at Estate Plessen.

WAPA ap ankouraje moun k ap resevwa boutèy dlo pou yo jete boutèy dlo vid yo yon fason responsab, epi si sa posib, mennen yo nan nenpòt sant resiklaj ki disponib, tankou The Market nan domèn Plessen.

“We thank our WAPA employee family for their support and assure the public that we continue to work on their behalf every day to resolve this issue. May everyone’s Thanksgiving be bountiful with reasons to be grateful,” concluded Smith.

“Nou remèsye fanmi anplwaye WAPA nou yo pou sipò yo epi asire piblik la ke nou ap kontinye travay pou yo chak jou pou rezoud pwoblèm sa a. Mwen espere se pou Jou Aksyon de Gras tout moun gen anpil rezon pou nou rekonesan,” Smith te konkli.

For WAPA updates and more information about lead in drinking water visit www.cleanwaterusvi.com

Pou jwenn dènye enfòmasyon WAPA ak plis enfòmasyon sou plon nan dlo potab vizite www.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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