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## Potable Water Shut Off in 36 St. Croix Locations from Friday Through Saturday Afternoon to Identify Source of Lead and Copper

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS -- Personnel from the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA) began flushing potable water lines at 5 p.m. on Friday at the 36 specific points identified with high levels of lead and copper during the initial sampling conducted September 28-30, 2023, on the island of St. Croix.

Following the flushing period, resampling will take place in partnership with the VI Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

To adhere to the lead and copper protocol, resampling will begin early Saturday morning.

During the flushing and resampling period, there will be a potable water service interruption from Friday through Saturday, ending at approximately 4 p.m.

Impacted customers were sent advisory letters on Thursday explaining that the action would help identify the source of the lead and copper.

Once the results are available, within 1-2 weeks, the USVI Joint Information Center will provide updates to the community.

There are two Department of Health hotlines available for residents to call from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with health concerns related to lead in potable water and lead testing. Individuals may call 340-712-6299 or 340-776-1519. The Department of Planning and Natural Resources also operates a hotline number, 340-514-3666, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communications Department is committed to reaching, informing, and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest, through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.

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