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Water Consumers Benefit from New Reverse Osmosis Plant, Pigeon Point

APUA continues to move towards its goal of transitioning to reverse osmosis technology for the provision of water services to the nation. Reverse Osmosis will allow for the use of sea water as potable water through desalination. This is critical in a drought prone country such as Antigua and Barbuda, where surface water continues to become less reliable.

The most recent installation is the Reverse Osmosis plant located at the Pigeon Point beach. The major construction phase is now complete and last week the testing phase began. Water has been provided from the plant to areas between the Nelson's Dockyard and Cobbs Cross. APUA Engineer, and one of the project coordinators, Tesfa Francis states that currently, adjustments are being made to the system regarding the feed wells used to direct water to the plant, the major aim is to ensure that both the quality and quantity of water produced are at satisfactory levels. At present, production has reached 83% of the overall capacity and it is anticipated with the addition of a new intake supply that full functionality will be attained shortly.

Already during the testing phase, consumers have begun to experience significant relief. National Parks Commissioner, Ann Marie Martin, attests to being able to now meet the daily demand for water from the yachts at Nelson's Dockyard. "Water is being provided on a regular basis, and we expect that it will only get better," she says. The installation of the new plant is also quite timely as it coincides with the yacht season, where demand is at its peak in the area.

The date for the formal commissioning of the plant will be announced shortly.

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