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St. George's, Grenada - Tuesday May 13th, 2014: The National Water and Sewerage Authority (NAWASA) says despite some recent rains it remains severely challenged to supply customers with an adequate supply.

Already a number of communities are under valve regulation and even with this implementation it continues to be a headache for the Authority.

Four of the Authority's water systems are currently under valve regulation, with some recording over 60% decline in production, which speaks to the impact that Climate Change is having on the island's water supply.

In St. David the two systems that are feeling the brunt of the dry season are the Petite Etang, which feeds from the Cocody Dam and Les Avocat, while in St. George the Vendomme and Bon Accord Water Systems provide limited supply.

The Petite Etang Water System which produces 250,000 gallons of water per day has not exceeded 150,000 per day for the last month. Les Avocat also had a production decline from 400,000 gallons to 200,000 gallons per day. Areas such as Morne Delice, Mt. Airy, Marian and La Borie have been receiving intermittent supply.

Bon Accord Water System which produces 45,000 gallons of water per day now sees residents receiving less than a 12 hour supply daily, while residents of Mt. Moritz served by the Vendomme Water System receive water twice per week.

The Authority has been integrating its water systems, continues daily monitoring of production levels island wide and maximizing efficiency through system assessment. However the need for adequate storage at this time is very important. Consumers are encouraged to ensure their storage extend from three days to one week.

The Authority advises consumers in valve regulated areas that their schedules will remain in place until otherwise advised by NAWASA. It is highly possible that other water systems can be added to the valve regulation listing in the coming days.

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