



What’s On Tap?

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(l-r) Water Authority Laboratory Manager Marcela Martínez-Ebanks, Customer Service Manager Joanna Welcome-Martinez and Director Dr. Gelia Frederick-van Genderen at the “Women in Energy Conference”.

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Putting the Spotlight on our Women in STEM

This year, Water Authority’s Women in STEM were highlighted as part of the Honouring Women Month celebrations.

Honouring Women Month is held every March, with events led by the Family Resource Centre. In addition to sponsoring the initiative, two female staff

members were featured in special events.

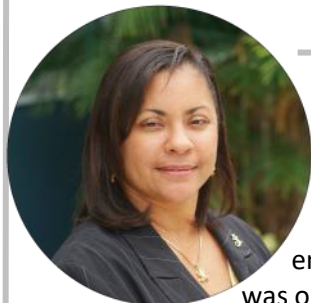
Water Authority’s Director, Dr. Gelia Frederick-van Genderen, was a panellist at the “Women in Energy Conference”. Discussions focused on the importance of women’s role in the science, technology,

engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. Customer Service Manager Joanna Welcome-Martinez, and Laboratory Manager Marcela Martínez-Ebanks, also attended the conference.

Water Authority’s Lab Technologist Chynna Retumban represented the Water Authority at a “Women in STEM” radio discussion. Also joining the discussion was Lauren Dombowsky from the Department of Environment and Namitha Abraham from CUC. Areas of topics discussed included their early beginning, challenges and barriers and advice for the next generation of women pursuing a career in the STEM field.



Lab Technologist, Chynna Retumban (second from the right) represented the Water Authority at a radio discussion for Honouring Women Month.



Director’s Message

The Authority is committed to our local community and environment. The Authority was once again proud to be a sponsor of the Chamber’s annual Island Wide Earth Day Clean-Up. It is an event our staff look forward to participating in each year. Earth Day also allowed us to focus on why tap water is a better choice for the environment. You can learn more in this issue of “What’s On Tap”.

We at the Authority are setting our sights on the upcoming hurricane season, which starts on 1 June. I encourage everyone to begin their preparations early and follow the Authority on social media for important preparedness tips and public service announcements.

— Dr. Frederick-van Genderen

OUR COMMITMENT to you...



The Water Authority was established in 1983 as a statutory body responsible for supplying pure, wholesome and affordable drinking water to the people of the Cayman Islands. The Authority is also responsible for the proper treatment of wastewater and for the protection of the fresh groundwater lenses that exist throughout the Cayman Islands.

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HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on 1 June. Before a storm occurs be sure to turn off the customer shutoff valve if you plan to shelter in a place not your home to minimize the chances of property damage or an unexpectedly high water bill. If your meter does not have a shutoff valve on the customer side, please contact the Authority to learn more about how you can install one.

For more hurricane preparedness tips visit www.waterrauthority.ky

HR Briefs

Welcome:

- **S. Johannes Robinson**
Engineer-Water Production

Staff Appointments

- **Tafari Young**
Promoted to Foreman-NW (CYB)
- **Sean Bodden**
Promoted to Networks & Security Manager

Earth Day Clean Up 2022



As an annual sponsor of the Chamber of Commerce's island-wide Earth Day Clean Up, Water Authority staff joined in once again to do their part to keep the Cayman Islands' natural environment healthy and pristine.

This year, the team focused on the eastern side of the island, cleaning up along Manse Road.

A team of 20 staff members and their family members made their way to Bodden Town bright and early to start the cleanup process, removing several bags of garbage.

Take Back the Tap:

Why Tap Water is the Better Choice for the Environment

Bottled water has a high environmental cost. Make the better choice for the environment; drink tap water!

Did you know that the energy used for a single use bottle of drinking water is about 500 to 600 times higher than the energy used by the Water Authority to produce the same volume of water.

Most water bottles are made from a plastic called polyethylene terephthalate or PET.

Manufacturing this type of plastic releases various toxic chemicals into the air. These toxic chemicals can also leach into the water in the bottles over time.

Over 3.8 million tons of PET are used to make water bottles every year, and only 31% of that is recycled. The rest is littered or

ends up in landfills and our oceans. According to the World Health Organization, some microorganisms may grow at higher levels in bottled water.

Many American water bottle brands sold in the Cayman Islands source water from water springs in drought-ridden areas such as California or from a municipal water supply. They are also not subject to the same standards as tap water, and the companies do not have to disclose what methods are used to treat the water.

Tap water is highly regulated to ensure safety and high quality. Water produced by the Water Authority's reverse osmosis plants exceeds the World Health Organization standards for safe drinking water.

Make the Earth-friendly choice! Drink tap water—Save Energy and Save the Planet.

