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NWA Begins Port Henderson Road Restoration and River Training Works

The National Works Agency (NWA) has commenced river training works along a section of the banks of the Rio Cobre where massive erosion has led to the Port Henderson main road in St. Catherine being impassable since the passage of Tropical Storm Nicole in September 2010.

Manager of Communication and Customer Services at the National Works Agency, Stephen Shaw says repair works which began on Tuesday, June 21 are expected to be completed within ten weeks. Mr. Shaw says the River Training will be carried out along 300 metres of the eroded river bank.

He says that these works include diversion of the river, push-up of river bed material to form a bund and protective works using galvanized wire, rubble stones and Gabion baskets.

Following the completion of the river training works the collapsed section of Port Henderson road will be reinstated. These works are expected to cost just over \$100 million.

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