

## NAPA line commissioned

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The National Academy for the Performing Arts (NAPA) is envisioned by the Government as a permanent home for the development of talent in the performing arts in Trinidad and Tobago. An indisputably integral choice for this flagship facility was the inclusion of natural gas to fuel some of the buildings components.

The construction phase of the project involved connecting to a future valve on the existing 102mm line at the Hilton hotel, which runs through the Queen's Park Savannah. Installing the supply line, a 50mm, polyethylene pipe in a 203 mm polyethylene pipe sleeve, Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) technology was used to lay pipe under the Queen's Park Savannah to the metering station on the NAPA compound (Queen's Park West).

The contractor mobilized on September 26 and the facility was substantially completed in 24 days, well ahead of the 35-day schedule. It was formally commissioned on October 25, 2009.