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686. Mr M S Moletsane (Free State: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What interventions have been made at the Matjhabeng Local Municipality where most of the water treatment plants are (a) not working and (b) putting the lives of residents at risk?

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (a) The Matjhabeng Local Municipality has six Water Supply Systems namely Virginia, Welkom, Ventersburg, Allanridge, Hennenman, and Odendaalsrus. These systems are supplied by the Balkfontein Water Treatment Works and the Virginia Water Treatment Works, with operational capacities of 360MI/day and 120MI/day respectively. Both Water Treatment Works are owned, operated, and maintained by Vaal Central Water Board, in their capacity as water services provider to Matjhabeng Local Municipality. The Blue Drop Watch Report 2023 found the WTW supplying Matjhabeng to be in a good working condition. Any breakdowns of infrastructure at the Water Treatment Works, pumpstations and supply pipelines are attended to timeously by Vaal Central Water.
- (b) The Vaal Central Water Board, as the Bulk Water Service Provider to Matjhabeng Local Municipality, monitors the quality of the water produced daily (process risk indicators), from the Balkfontein and Virginia Water Treatment Works, to ensure compliance with the SANS 241:2015 limits for human consumption. Water Quality Results are loaded on the Department's Integrated Regulatory Information System (IRIS).


The microbiological, acute and chronic chemical compliance are 87.5%, 99.9% and 98.9% respectively. These quality compliance results show that chemical compliance (acute and chronic) is consistent with SANS 241 limits. However, the microbiological quality compliance reveals that some microbial analyses were inconsistent with the numerical limits of SANS 241 requirements therefore posed health risks to consumers. The Matjhabeng Local Municipality together with Vaal Central Water Board will in put appropriate corrective measures in place to address the non-compliance.

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DR SEAN PHILLIPS
DIRECTOR GENERAL
DATE: 19/10/23

DRAFT REPLY: APPROVED/ NOT APPROVED/ AMENDED ✓


MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 24/10/23