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DWS busy replacing leaking pipes at Kriel Township, Mpumalanga Province

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The National Water Resource Infrastructure (NWRI): Central Operation office under the Usutu River Area Office in Jericho Dam is working hard in ensuring that leaking pipes are repaired at Kriel pipeline, Mpumalanga Province.

The Usutu River Government Water Scheme is currently having the planned outage for the repair of the major leak on Kriel pipeline.

Usutu River (Jericho Dam) Area Manager, Mr Gabriel Tsoai said that “The planned water outage started on Monday, 02 October and it will run until 08 October 2017”.

According to the Area Manager, some of the work that will be done includes; Excavations, transportation of spare cans, diamond cutting, removal of damaged sections, bedding, pipe laying, sand blasting and painting and charging of pipeline to check for leaks.

“The outage will affect Emalahleni (Kriel) Municipality and ESKOM water supply. The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to indicate that the planned water disruption will not directly affect the Emalahleni community but will have direct impact on the Kriel Power Station”, said Tsoai.

Tsoai added that “It is anticipated that the normal supply of water will resume immediately after the completion of the outage on Monday, 09 October 2017”.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to appeal to the affected stakeholders, especially ESKOM to maintain reservoirs at levels that will enable normal operations during the outage period. The Emalahleni residents are also urged to use water sparingly during the outage period.

The Department is committed in ensuring that leaking pipes are being repaired to provide effective and efficient supply of Bulk Raw Water for Economic growth while ensuring social development and poverty eradication.

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