



MEDIA ADVISORY - UPDATED

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Minister Mchunu to assess the Darville sewer pipeline responsible for intermittent sewer spillages in the Msunduzi LM

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr. Senzo Mchunu will lead a site inspection at Darville sewer pipeline that leads to the Darville Wastewater Treatment Plant situated in Msunduzi Local Municipality in Pietermaritzburg on Friday, 22 October 2021.

The site inspection follows a three-day working session Minister Mchunu undertook with his deputies last week where several issues hindering the provision of clean water and decent sanitation services were raised.

The sewer spillage at the pipeline is one of the major issues that Minister Mchunu indicated needed urgent intervention to improve water quality and restore people's dignity. The spillage at this pipeline has on previous occasions resulted in large volumes of untreated and highly concentrated sewage spilling into and contaminating the Msunduzi River, affecting people living downstream.

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover the site visit as follows:

Date: Friday, 22 October 2021

Time: 10:00

Venue: Darville Sewer Pipeline, Pietermaritzburg.

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