



MEDIA ADVISORY

Minister Mchunu and City of Tshwane Mayor, Cllr Brink to hold joint Media Briefing on a way forward following water supply challenges in Hammanskraal

25 May 2023

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr Senzo Mchunu and the Executive Mayor of City of Tshwane, Cllr. Cilliers Brink will hold a meeting tomorrow, Friday, 26 May 2023 to discuss interventions on water supply challenges in Hammanskraal, and the action plan following the outbreak of cholera in the area.

The Minister and the Executive Mayor will deliberate on the interventions that are currently being made to solve the problem of depreciating water quality of Temba Water Treatment Works and the action plan to rehabilitate and upgrade of the Rooiwal Wastewater Treatment Works to the required production of drinking water quality standards.

A joint task team between the Department and the City will then be re-affirmed to oversee the works with continuous reporting to the Minister.

The Hammanskraal community under the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality has been experiencing unreliable and poor-quality potable water supply for an extended period, despite the upgrade of the Temba Water Treatment Plant, to a capacity of 120 megalitres a day (ML/d).

The poor water quality is caused by the failure of the Rooiwal Wastewater Treatment Works to meet the desirable final effluent quality for discharge to the Apies River, which in turn, flows into the Leeukraal Dam. The Wastewater Treatment Works is situated upstream of Hammanskraal and has affected the Leeukraal Dam, where the Temba Water Treatment Works abstracts water for treatment and distribution to residents as potable drinking water.

Members of the media are invited to a joint Media Briefing, following a closed meeting.

The details are as follows:

Date : Friday, 26 May 2023

Time : 12h30

Venue : Mayoral Boardroom, 320 Madiba Street, Tshwane House

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