



MEDIA ADVISORY

Minister Majodina to release the preliminary report on the failure of the three dams in Riverlands

28 August 2024

The Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, will on Thursday 29 August 2024, release the preliminary report into the failure of three dams on a farm in Riverlands in Swartland Local Municipality early this month.

Following her visit to the disaster-stricken area on Sunday, 11 August 2024, Minister Majodina instructed the department's dam safety engineers to investigate what led to the failure of the dams, the owners and whether the dams complied with dam safety regulations, among other things.

As part of intervention by engineers from the Department of Water and Sanitation, more resources were mobilised from Clanwilliam Dam project to mitigate the risk on the fourth dam which was on the verge of failure. Subsequently, dam four was emptied, thus reducing further damage that could have occurred had the dam failed as well.

Minister Majodina will be accompanied by Western Cape MECs for Local Government, Anton Bredell, Infrastructure, Tertuis Simmers, Mayor Roelof Strydom of the West Coast District Municipality and Mayor Harold Cleophas of Swartland Local Municipality.

Members of the media are invited as follows:

Date : Thursday, 29 August 2024
Venue : Riverlands Primary School, Riverlands
Time : 11h00

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