



MEDIA ADVISORY

DWS to conduct oversight visit to Process Controller Training site in Swellendam Local Municipality

21 November 2025

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Western Cape will conduct an oversight visit to the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Process Controller Training Programme currently underway in the Swellendam Local Municipality. The visit will take place on Tuesday, 25 November 2025 and will be led by the Western Cape Head of Department, Ms Ntombizanele Bila-Mupariwa.

Swellendam is one of 12 training centres across the province participating in the Process Controller Training Programme. Other participating municipalities include Theewaterskloof, Hessequa and Cape Agulhas.

The oversight visit seeks to assess the progress of the training, engage with both trainers and trainees and identify areas for improvement. It will also evaluate how the programme is equipping Process Controllers with the necessary skills to operate and manage water treatment plants more efficiently and effectively.

The training is a significant step towards enhancing water quality management across municipalities and ensuring that Water Services Authorities comply with the newly promulgated Regulation 3630.

Earlier this year, the Department, working in partnership with the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA) and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), launched the RPL Process Controller Training Programme. The initiative aims to train 183 Process Controllers from 20 Local Municipalities in the Western Cape.

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

DATE : TUESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2025
VENUE : SWELLENDAM LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
TIME : 10h00

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