



MEDIA ADVISORY

Deputy Minister Sello Seithloho will conduct an oversight visit to assess the state of Molopo river and the Waste Water Treatment Plants in Mahikeng, North West Province

15 August 2025

Water and Sanitation Deputy Minister, Sello Seithloho will on 18 August 2025, conduct a working oversight visit in Mahikeng, North West to assess the level of water pollution in Molopo river and the state of Waste Water Treatment Plants and its adverse effects on the water resource.

Deputy Minister Seithloho will be accompanied by the Executive Mayors of Mahikeng Local and Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipalities, Cllrs. Tshepiso Mphehlo and Khumalo Molefe, Magalies Water Board, Traditional Leaders and other dignitaries.

The oversight visit will include Deputy Minister's courtesy visit to Montshiwa Tribal Office to meet the local chief, Kgosi Jeff Montshiwa, before he inspects Molopo river in Danville and Waste Water Treatment Plants in Mmabatho and Mafikeng. The plants are the major contributors of pollution of Molopo river due to the sub-standard effluent discharged into the river.

The contamination by the effluent has affected local Setumo and Lotlamoreng Dams, which are increasingly becoming eutrophic and has overgrown reeds due to high amounts of nutrients from the sewage. Illegal dumping by community members and sewage spillages also contributes to the contamination of the river.

Last year August, the Minister of the Water and Sanitation, Pemmy Majodina delegated the responsibility of management and prevention of pollution of water resources to Deputy Minister, Sello Seithloho. To get an in-depth observational view of the state of pollution throughout the country and offer an elevated and tangible strategy in combating water pollution, the Deputy Minister has visited more than 30 Municipalities throughout the country to inspect the level of contamination of water resources.

Members of the media are invited to attend as follows:

DAY ONE:

SESSION 1 : VISIT TO THE TRIBAL OFFICE

Date : 18 August 2025
Venue : Montshiwa Tribal Authority, Mahikeng
Time : 08h00

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SESSION 2 : MINISTERIAL BRIEFING

Venue : Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality Offices, Mahikeng
Time : 09h00

SESSION 3 : MMABATHO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OVERSIGHT, MMA-BATHO

Venue : Mmabatho Waste Water Treatment Plant, Mmabatho
Time : 11h00

SESSION 4 : MAFIKENG WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OVERSIGHT, DANVILLE

Venue : Mafikeng Waste Water Treatment Plant in Danville
Time : 10h00

SESSION 5 : MOLOPO RIVER OVERSIGHT, DANVILLE

Venue : Molopo river
Time : 12h30

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