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Klein Karoo Compliance and Enforcement Blitz in full swing

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The Department of Water and Sanitation in Western Cape, working with Breede-Gouritz Catchment Management Agency (BGCMA) and Department of Environmental Affairs Development Planning (DEATP) continued its weeklong Compliance and Enforcement Blitz in Klein Karoo.

The Compliance and Enforcement Blitz is aimed at curbing illegal water use activities that have been reported since the prolonged drought in the Klein Karoo region. In recent months, BGCMA received several allegations of illegal water use within the Gouritz Region

Sputnik Ratau, Spokeperson for the Department of Water and Sanitation, says more than 30 farm properties have been visited and inspected between Oudtshoorn, George, Uniondale and De Rust to date.

Ratau further states that while the comprehensive results of the blitz will be unveiled next week, the following general non-compliances have already been identified;

- A number of boreholes have not been registered according to the National Water Act 36 of 1998
- Water measurements in properties are not in compliance with regulations
- Several historic dams are preventing rivers from flowing

The Klein Karoo Compliance and Enforcement Blitz concludes on Friday, 12 November.

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