

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION NO 532**

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**532. Ms A M Dreyer (DA) to ask the Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry:**

- (1) Whether the Percy Stewart water purification works outside Krugersdorp is one of the high risk sites referred to in her statement in Parliament on 11 March 2008; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- (2) What criteria are used to determine whether a water purification plant is regarded as a high risk site?

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**REPLY:**

- (1) Yes. The Percy Stewart waste-water facility is one of the high risks sites prioritised for regulatory action. The regulatory process at this specific works commenced in December 2007 in terms of the action taken according to the enforcement protocol and thus far this intervention has been reasonably successful. The Department of Water Affairs and Forestry influenced the Mogale City Local Municipality's planning processes through this intervention to the extent where the Municipality availed R119 million for the refurbishment of the works.
- (2) The criteria to determine whether a waste-water treatment plant is a high risk site is based on the level of compliance with the legislative limits specified in the authorisation (permit) issued for the plant.