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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 2930 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above-mentioned question asked by Mr G R Morgan (DA); is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 4/11/2010

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED


MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DATE: 2010/11/12

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 2930

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2930. Mr. G R Morgan (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) whether, with reference to her reply to question 387 on 10 March 2010, the water monitoring results are being released regularly; if not, why not; if so, (a) to which organisations and persons are the results released and (b) what are the further relevant details;
- (2) whether any progress has been made in respect of (a) rehabilitating the site, (b) fencing the site and (c) installing warning signs in isiZulu; if not, in each case, why not; if so, in each case, what are the relevant details;
- (3) whether she has been informed that on 8 August 2010 there were fires on four of the waste pits; if so, what steps has she taken to ensure that such incidents do not recur; if not;
- (4) whether she will investigate the incident; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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REPLY:

- (1)(a) The water monitoring results are being released, on a infrequent basis to the eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality (MM)'s Department of Environmental Health.
- (1)(b) The last results obtained in February 2010 indicate that there is no impact on the surface or ground water. No change in the water quality has been detected since the February monitoring.
- (2)(a) No further rehabilitation work has been done.
- (2)(b) The site is not yet fenced. The fencing is still on the tendering process for the erection of concrete palisade fencing.
- (2)(c) The signs in isiZulu have been installed.
- 3) Yes, the fire accident was reported to my Department through the Regional Office: KwaZulu-Natal by the eThekweni MM Fire Department which also monitor the site on a regular basis. It should be noted that fires on the site do not occur frequently. The site will to be monitored continuously by the eThekweni MM Fire Department officials.
- (4) Yes, the incident was investigated by officials from my Department and eThekweni MM Fire Department and a Weber Tree Felling company was appointed to expose the fire. This was completed on the 11 August 2010 to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

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