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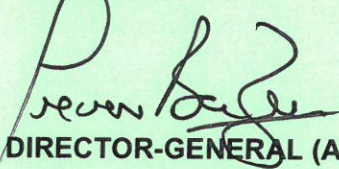
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MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS


NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3008 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr M Waters (DA) is attached for your consideration.


DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 20/11/2013

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

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3008. Mr M Waters (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:

- (1) (a) How many complaints has her department received from residents in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality with regard to the (i) sludge provided by the municipality to farmers in the Kempton Park area and (ii) resultant odour and (b) what action has her department taken to address these complaints;
- (2) what classification of sludge in terms of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 is being utilised on the Kempton Park farms;
- (3) whether her department has done any tests or studies to determine whether the sludge poses any safety hazards to residents of the area? NW3558E

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REPLY:

- (1) The Department has not received any complaints from residents in the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality with regard to sludge provided by the municipality to farmers in the Kempton Park area.
- (2) The Department has not received any information regarding sludge provided by the municipality to farmers in the Kempton Park area. To ensure proper sludge management, the Department has developed guidelines for the utilization and disposal of wastewater sludge. These guidelines focus on the classification of sludge and give guidance to the sludge producer on the selection of management options depending on the composition/ quality of sludge.
- (3) No. Since the Department is not aware of any complaints no investigation has been carried out thus far to determine the safety of the sludge for use in farming. However, investigation will be conducted and the necessary steps will be taken.

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