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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION 6 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mr J W W Julius (DA-Gauteng) is attached for your consideration.

DIRECTOR-GENERAL (Acting)

DATE: 12/09/2024

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 14.09.14

FOR ORAL REPLY

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■6.   **Mr J W W Julius (DA-Gauteng) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation: [Written Question No 30]**

State of water pipelines in West Rand

(1)   What are the threats facing the Category Five water pipelines on the (a) community, (b) economy and (c) platinum industry in West Rand that receives its water supply from these pipelines;

(2)   whether her department has any mitigation plans in place to deal with the weakness in water pipelines caused by acid mine drainage; if not, why not; if so, what plans;

(3)   whether (a) an investigation has been conducted into the state of the pipelines in the area and (b) a report has been released in this regard; if not; when will such an investigation be conducted; if so, (i) what does the report state and (ii) when will the recommendations be implemented?   CW30E

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REPLY:

(1)   A study was conducted by Rand Water to assess the integrity of its pipelines, specifically with regard to potential impacts that may be induced by acid mine drainage (AMD). Preliminary findings are that the pipelines are not exposed to any risks associated with underground AMD.

(2)   Yes, there are Mitigation programmes to deal with the outcomes of the report to ensure water security into the Rand Water supply area.

(3)   The Report is still being evaluated to establish the programmes to put in place to mitigate the impacts of AMD on the pipelines. The information will be made available once the evaluations have been completed.

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