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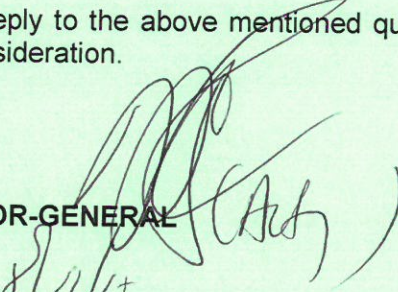
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### MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

#### NATIONAL ASSEMBLY: QUESTION 3882 FOR WRITTEN REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) is attached for your consideration.

  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 8/11/15

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

MRS NP MOKONYANE  
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 18.11.15

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY

QUESTION NO 3882

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**3882. Mrs Z B N Balindlela (DA) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:**

- (1) (a) When was the most recent pH level test conducted on the Olifants River and (b) what were the results;
- (2) what is the cause of the high acidity levels of the specified river;
- (3) whether she has taken any steps to remedy the situation; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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**REPLY:**

- (1)(a) The most recent pH level test conducted on the Olifants River was in September 2015.
- (1)(b) The results range on average from 5.5 to 8.5.
- (2) The cause of the high acidity levels of the specified river can generally be attributed to agricultural, mining and industrial activities.
- (3) Yes, my Department is conducting routine and targeted compliance monitoring inspections and audits on a regular basis, and where a transgressor is found, enforcement actions are undertaken. The classification, determination of the Resource Quality Objectives (RQOs) and the reserve of the Olifants River is being determined.

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