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QUESTION NO 611

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611. Mr K Motsamai (Gauteng: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

What steps have been taken to resolve the ongoing sewage spillage battle in the Emfuleni Local Municipality in Gauteng, which can have a hazardous effect on the ecosystem and/or public health?

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Rand Water has been appointed by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) as an Implementing Agent of Section 63 Intervention in the Emfuleni Local Municipality which includes the Vaal River Intervention System Project for a period of three (3) years. The DWS signed an implementing agent agreement with Rand Water on 5 October 2021.

The estimated total cost for the intervention is R7.6 billion and the department has transferred R100 million to Rand Water to commence with the operations in October 2021.

- Rand Water has submitted a detailed project implementation plan to the DWS
- Ten (10) unblocking and eight (8) bio-solids contractors have been appointed to unblock sewer main lines and cleaning of wastewater treatment works
- Sewer is being removed from communities and channeled to wastewater treatment works which has resulted in increased volumes of inflows into the Sebokeng, Leeuwkuil and Rietspruit Wastewater Treatment Works

- Minister Mchunu established a Project Steering Committee (PSC) co-chaired by Deputy Minister Mahlobo and COGTA MEC, Mr. Maile to keep stakeholders abreast about project progress and address stakeholder's project related concerns. The PSC has met twice already on 25 October 2021 and 5 November 2021 respectively


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MS DEBORAH MOCHOTLHI
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL
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MR SENZO MCHUNU, MP
MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION
DATE: 18/01/2022