



*Protecting Our Environment.
Enforcing Our Laws.
Securing Our Future.*

EMI DAY 2025

What is an EMI?

Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) are officials appointed under the **National Environmental Management Act (NEMA)** to monitor and enforce compliance with South Africa's environmental laws. EMIs protect **water, land, air, biodiversity, and human health**, ensuring individuals, businesses, and government institutions operate within the law.

The **Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)**, as an EMI institution, enforces compliance with both NEMA and the National Water Act (NWA), investigating pollution, monitoring water use, and ensuring sustainable water management for present and future generations.

Why EMI Day Matters

Outcome 4 of the 2023 National Compliance and Enforcement Framework (NECEF) highlights the importance of public awareness in strengthening the EMI network.

EMI Day 2025 is a national event dedicated to:

- Building awareness of EMIs and their crucial role.
- Showcasing the impact of environmental compliance and enforcement.
- Strengthening partnerships with the public, regulated sectors, and enforcement agencies.

How to Report Environmental Crimes / Unlawful Water Use

Help protect South Africa's water resources by reporting any suspected illegal water use or pollution directly to the Department:

Toll-Free Hotline: 0800 200 200

Email: info@dws.gov.za

Tip: Report incidents such as unlawful abstraction, discharge, pollution, or misuse of water resources.

Event Details

Date: 20 November 2025

Venue: DWS National Office, Pretoria

Hosted by:

Department of Water and Sanitation
(DWS) as part of the Environmental
Management Inspectorate (EMI)
Network.

Join us as we celebrate EMIs — the frontline guardians of South Africa's natural resources!

WATER IS LIFE - SANITATION IS DIGNITY

South Africa is a water-scarce country, use water sparingly



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