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## EThekwini issues Mbokodweni River warning



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The EThekwini Municipality has issued an urgent warning for communities around the Mbokodweni River to avoid the river due to sewage contamination.

The municipality says the contamination has been caused by a power failure that has affected the Amanzimtoti Wastewater Treatment Works (AWTW).

This has resulted in partially treated sewage being discharged into the water source.

EThekwini's Tozi Mthethwa says members of the public are being urged not to swim, bathe, fish or drink water from the river, which is downstream from the Amanzimtoti Waste Water Treatment Works. "However tap water in the area is very safe to drink. We are looking into the situation, testing water on a continuous basis and we will advise once the quality of the water has returned to normal," she said.

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