



## water & sanitation

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#### **DWS works with Sibanye Gold to protect the natural resource**

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The Rand Uranium (Pty) is taking decisive action to avert the pollution of underground water resources - this is thanks to the cooperation between the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the mining company.

In March this year, a compliance inspection (Audit) was conducted at Rand Uranium (Pty) Ltd, a mining company operating under Sibanye Gold, to ascertain compliance with the conditions of their water use license.

There was non-compliance observed on site and a report was sent to the facility requesting an action plan on the non-compliance.

The DWS sub-directorate- Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement- conducts investigations, compliance and inspections (Audit) of all water users that were issued with Water Use Authorization (License, General Authorization, Permit etc.) to determine the lawfulness of the water use activities.

Some of the notable non-compliance observations made during the inspections include two surge ponds and five coffer dams that are unlined and not authorized as per the licence dated 22 November 2013.

The Sibanye Gold's Compliance Manager Mr Hennie Pretorius took note of the findings and committed to working together with the department to protect the water resources.

"We are ready to work with the department to ensure that our operations do not negatively impact on the natural resources," said Mr Pretorius.

The department appeals to all water use licence holders to comply with the conditions as stipulated in the water use authorizations received. It also advises water users to apply for water use authorizations before commencing with any water use.

**Lucky Makgarengi**