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Water in Mahikeng is safe to drink - government

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The state has assured residents of Mahikeng in North West that water in their area is drinkable and safe to use.

The North West Department of Local Government and Human Settlement has allayed fears of residents, reassuring them that water in Ngaka Modiri Molema District Municipality is safe to drink and no traces of poison have been found. "However, residents are still advised to take the precautionary measure of first boiling the water before drinking," government warned on Tuesday 14 October 2014.

The Local Government and Human Settlements Department's Spokesperson, Ben Bole, said rumours were spread recently on social media networks that the water in Mahikeng has allegedly been poisoned by officials of the district municipality.

This follows the current impasse between the municipality and the provincial government.

"Water samples are taken for testing on a daily basis by specialists from Botshelo Water and the Department of Water and Sanitation, to ensure that the water is safe for consumption," Bole said.

He said residents will be duly informed if the results ever came out positive for any traces of poison. "Members of the community are still advised to contact the Call Centre on 018 388 3888 should they suspect any misdemeanour at the boreholes," he said.

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