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Planned water maintenance outage to ensure security of supply in the communities around Kriel

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The power (electricity) utility, Eskom, has requested the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) to implement an outage to tie in with the permanent deviation of the pipeline to the existing water supply infrastructure as per the DWS' approved design.

Eskom is busy with the construction of a railway line from Ermelo to Majuba Power Station. The railway line crosses DWS's pipeline between Rietspruit reservoir and Davel.

The deviation of the infrastructure has been approved by DWS engineers who will also be involved with the quality control during the construction phase. This process has also provided an opportunity for DWS to do maintenance work on the pipeline.

DWS has already commenced with the outage – maintenance work - scheduled for the period of 23 February to the 09 March 2015.

The DWS is mandated to ensure security of water supply for all facets of the lives and livelihoods of South Africans. Part of this mandate includes regular maintenance of its infrastructure throughout the length and breadth of the land.

It is important to note that during the course of this outage, the communities of Kriel in Emalahleni Local Municipality will be affected by disruptions to their water supplies. They get bulk raw water supply from this pipeline.

The Local municipality will communicate the necessary temporary measures taken in various areas where the communities will receive water through water tankers.

The department and all stakeholders appeal for patience and co-operation from all who will be affected during this planned outage period. According to the Department's Central Operation official, Ms Nelly Ndumo, DWS and Eskom believe that the outage period will not be exceeded.



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All those who will be affected are implored to consider everyone in the supply system, to make storage preparations if possible and use available water sparingly and optimally. The department apologises for the inconvenience caused.

The importance of this planned outage is however important for maintenance and sustainability of the infrastructure for now and into the future.

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