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WATER USER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Water users who do not register by 30 June 2001 are liable to pay a late registration fee of the greater of R300 or ten percent of outstanding water use charges.

The Department will also proceed with action in terms of section 54 of the National Water Act to suspend the water use of those who fail to register voluntarily.

However, a large percentage of users have already registered their water use. In fact, in some water management areas, the number of registered users already equals the initial estimates of the total number of registerable users.

Those who must register include irrigation farms not supplied by Irrigation Boards or Water User Associations, plantation owners, mines, municipalities and industries that are not supplied by a municipality, or water users who discharge directly to a stream.

Individual water users such as farmers must register the use on each of their properties separately.

Farmers who only use water for reasonable domestic use, small gardening not for commercial purposes, and the watering of animals, which graze on that land within the grazing capacity of that land, do not need to register their use.

Domestic, commercial, industrial or other users being supplied by a municipality should also not register. Domestic users should also not register their garden boreholes if they are used purely for small gardening not for commercial purposes.

Registration forms can be obtained from any regional office of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry or from the internet at:

<http://www-dwaf.pwv.gov.za/idwaf/Projects/WARMS/Forms/index.html>.

Advice on registration can also be sought directly from any of the Department's regional offices.

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