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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **DWS addresses possible contamination of the Hennops River in Centurion**

15 November 2017

**Pretoria:** The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is monitoring the possible contamination of the Hennops River in Centurion.

The reports about the contamination of the Hennops River were brought to the surface in the early hours of Wednesday, 15 November 2017, after the river was seen covered with white foam.

The Department conducted investigations together with the three affected Metropolitan municipalities, namely City of Tshwane, City of Ekurhuleni and the City of Johannesburg.

The investigations did not detect any abnormalities or any spillages linked to the Hennops River system.

This condition of the foam on the water is usually visible with the first rains. The main cause of the foam on the river could be attributed to the recent heavy rain falls in the Gauteng region after a long dry period.

The DWS together with the three Metropolitan municipalities continue to monitor the situation and will intervene when necessary.

The DWS urges residents to remain vigilant and report any pollution incidents to the DWS's Toll Free Line 0800 200 200.

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