



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### **DWS repairs leaking pipes on Kriel Pipeline, Mpumalanga Province**

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There is a planned water interruption by the Department of Water and Sanitation to allow the technical teams to replace leaking pipes at Kriel Township, Mpumalanga Province.

The Usutu River Government Water Scheme is currently having the planned water outage from Monday, 02 October until 08 October 2017.

The outage will affect Emalahleni (Kriel) Municipality and ESKOM water supply. The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to indicate that the planned water disruption will not directly affect the Emalahleni community but will have direct impact on the Kriel Power Station.

The repairing of the pipelines will be done on Monday, 02 October until 06 October 2017 and the charging of the pipeline to be done on Saturday, 07 October 2017. It is anticipated that the normal supply of water will resume immediately after the completion of the outage.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to appeal to the affected stakeholders, especially Eskom to maintain reservoirs at levels that will enable normal operations during the outage period. The Emalahleni residents are also urged to use water sparingly during the outage period.

The Department is committed in ensuring that leaking pipes are being repaired to provide effective and efficient supply of Bulk Raw Water for Economic growth while ensuring social development and poverty eradication.

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