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INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (IEM) SERIES TRAINING

LINKING DWA's LINE FUNCTION RESPONSIBILITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL DUTIES

BACKGROUND

As the custodian of our country's water resources, the Department of Water Affairs' (DWA) Policy and Regulation Branch, under the auspices of Chief Director: Regulation of the Directorate: Water Abstraction and In-stream Use and Sub-directorate: Environment and Recreation, is the DWA National Office lead agent for facilitating and coordinating the development and implementation of the Integrated Environmental Management within the Department of Water Affairs.

To give effect to this role an Integrated Environmental Management (IEM) Series was developed to overcome the fragmented nature of environmental management within the Department and for alignment with new environmental legislation. The purpose of the DWA IEM Series is to ensure that the organisation has factored in all aspects of environmental management in its functions, either as an implementor or as a regulator of activities, which have an impact on the environment.

The Sub-directorate: Environment and Recreation has recognised the need to create capacity within the Department of Water Affairs to ensure that the following aims with regard to the IEM Series are achieved:

- Capacitate and empower, in particular, Water Affairs officials in order to understand their role with regards to environmental management, to be skilled and competent and to apply knowledge of IEM principles and practices to their daily tasks, responsibilities and decisions thereby ensuring compliance to IEM principles as set out in the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);
- Develop and distribute resource material to assist with continual improvement in environmental performance within the Department of Water Affairs; and
- Facilitate timeous and informed decision making processes through the awareness and use of the various environmental tools and initiatives.

In recognition of the abovementioned, a three-day training session on the IEM Series has been scheduled for Departmental Officials. The intention is to ensure that officials are competent and aware of environmental matters pertaining to their responsibilities, as well as to understand those of the Department in terms of overall legal compliance, good practice and improved environmental management performance. The IEM Series will provide a standardised approach to and user-friendly guidance on how to evaluate and apply environmental management in the Department of Water Affairs' day-to-day functions.

Note: The first day's training is more focussed on a strategic level, and managers are thus the main target audience. The second and third days are more geared towards users of the IEM Series tools, from an operational perspective. It is recommended that all 3 days are attended in order to obtain holistic view and knowledge of IEM in the department.

IEM Series Training

You are hereby cordially invited to attend the following three-day training session on the IEM Series:

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
DATE: 07 June 2011 **TIME:** 09H00 - 15H30	**DATE:** 08 June 2011 **TIME:** 09H00 - 15H30	**DATE:** 09 June 2011 **TIME:** 09H00 - 15H00
VENUE: DWA Head Office, Room **G18**, Emanzini Building, 173 Schoeman Street, Pretoria		

Please R.S.V.P. no later than 06 May 2011, or contact us if you require more information.

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