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Dear Sir

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) AND WATER USE LICENCE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY LINE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE TO CONNECT KUSILE POWER STATION TO THE NATIONAL RAILWAY GRID, WEST OF WITBANK ALONG THE N4

The Department of Health would recommend that the following issues be strictly considered:

1. Air quality management. All emissions should be in compliance with the National Environmental Air Quality Management Act.
2. Emergency preparedness plan. In case of oil and fuel spillages there should be an emergency preparedness plan to prevent environmental pollution.
3. Proper management of waste. If waste is not managed properly it could lead to ground water and air pollution, which might be detrimental to the health of the public.
4. Ensure compliance with Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations.
5. Disaster preparedness plan. In case of disasters, a detailed plan should be in place.
6. Involvement of the Provincial Department of Health is required in all Environmental Impact Assessment processes in order for the health aspects to be considered. Ms C Swart is the person to contact and her contact details are as follows: 013 766 3448 (w), 082 820 7950 (cell) and email is [careens@social.mpu.gov.za](mailto:careens@social.mpu.gov.za).

Kind regards.

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