

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS – INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE & COMMENT

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF ATTENUATION DAMS AND POLLUTION CONTROL DAMS AS ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE APPROVED 60-YEAR ASH DISPOSAL FACILITY (ADF) AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE KUSILE POWER STATION NEAR EMALAHLENI IN THE VICTOR KHANYE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given, that an **application for Environmental Authorisation (EA)** in terms of the 2014 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, as amended, promulgated in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), as amended [NEMA] has been submitted by **Eskom Holdings SOC Limited (Eskom)** for the development of attenuation dams and Pollution Control Dams (PCDs) as associated infrastructure for the approved 60-year Ash Disposal Facility (ADF) and associated infrastructure at Eskom's Kusile Power Station.

The ADF and associated infrastructure is located on Farm Klipfontein 566 JR Portions 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 19, 21, 25, 26, 30, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 near Emalahleni in the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Nkangala District Municipality, Mpumalanga Province.

The ADF and associated infrastructure project is *already authorised in terms of NEMA*; however, the following **additional listed activity** that will be triggered by the 2024 amended design of the attenuation dams and PCDs, thus requiring Environmental Authorisation (EA), by way of a **Scoping and Environmental Impact Reporting (S&EIR) application process**, from the Competent Authority (in this instance: the **National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)**).

- GN No. R. 325 of 07 April 2017: Listing Notice 2 – Activity No. 16. “The development of a dam where the highest part of the dam wall, as measured from the outside toe of the wall to the highest part of the wall, is 5 metres or higher or where the highwater mark of the dam covers an area of 10 hectares or more.”

The announcement and registration period of the NEMA S&EIR application process is running concurrently with the review and commenting period of the Draft Scoping Report (DSR) (30 calendar days from 18 October to 18 November 2024). The DSR has been prepared and is available for review and comment on the Eskom (www.eskom.co.za) and EPCM (www.epcmholdings.com) websites [accessed via the 'Reports' tab and entitled 'Eskom Kusile ADF Dams S&EIR'] as well as the following public locations:

Venue Name	Venue Address	Contact Number	Viewing Times
Phola Public Library	Phola, 2233	013 645 0094	
Bronkhorstspuit Community Library	44 Market Street, Erasmus, 1020	012 358 7122	Mon-Fri: 9am-5:30pm & Sat: 9am-1pm
eMalahleni Main Library	28 Hofmeyer Street, 1035	013 690 6229	Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm
Delmas Public Library	Cnr Sarel Cilliers & Van Riebeeck Streets, 2210	013 665 2425	Mon-Thurs: 9am-12:00 & 1pm-5pm Fri: 9am-1:30pm & Sat: 8am-12pm

You are invited to **register, review & comment as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP)** within the EA application process. I&APs must provide their comments together with their name, contact details (preferred method of notification, e.g. e-mail address or fax number) and an indication of any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they have in the application to the contact person indicated below within the above-mentioned timeframes. Should I&APs require assistance in accessing the documentation, you are welcome to contact the undersigned.

To register as an I&AP and/or to obtain more information, please contact:
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