

SHUTDOWN OF MIDMAR WATER WORKS AND DV HARRIS WATER TREATMENT PLANT FOR ESSENTIAL WORK

Please note that Umgeni Water has to carry out essential work at Midmar Dam raw water pump station. This work is required to enhance future security and sustainability of water supply in uMgungundlovu District, Pietermaritzburg and parts of Durban.

In order for this work to be executed in the shortest time and most effective way, raw water supply from Midmar Dam to Midmar Water Works and DV Harris Water Treatment Plant will have to be discontinued. This means that Midmar Water Works and DV Harris Water Treatment Plant will have to be shut down. Work at the Midmar Dam raw water pump station will commence on 22nd September 2016 at 08h00 and is scheduled to be completed on the afternoon of 23rd September 2016. Potable water production, as per agreed drought curtailments, will resume at Midmar Water Works and DV Harris Water Treatment Plant from the afternoon of 23rd September 2016.

Municipalities that receive potable water from Midmar Water Works and DV Harris Water Treatment Plant (this is known as the Mgeni system) are:

- uMgungundlovu District Municipality
- Msunduzi Local Municipality, and
- eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality

In order to mitigate possible risk of water shortages occurring during the shutdown of Midmar Water Works and DV Harris Water Treatment Plant, Umgeni Water will be increasing potable water production at both the water works before and after shutdown.

While Umgeni Water will adopt every practical measure and take every precaution to ensure that an uninterrupted supply of water is made available to the three municipalities in the days preceding the shutdown, it is unable to guarantee or ensure that an uninterrupted supply of water is available to consumers from municipalities' reticulation systems during the shutdown of the two water works.

In all cases of planned shutdowns, Umgeni Water engages with and informs its customers in advance. Similarly, Umgeni Water has already been in discussions with uMgungundlovu District Municipality, Msunduzi Local Municipality and eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality concerning the 22nd – 23rd September 2016 shutdown.

Umgeni Water thanks its customers and consumers in advance for their co-operation and understanding and apologises if any inconvenience is caused during the shutdown period.