

NDPW moves swiftly to ensure improved wastewater systems

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The National Department of Public Works (NDPW) has once again solidified its commitment to ensure that the condition of all the wastewater systems owned by the Department are improved.

The Departmental officials including Regional Managers and wastewater professionals gathered for three days in October 2017 – for a handover and training workshop, that marked the conclusion of the Green Drop Project.

Early this year, the Department launched the Green Drop Project as an effort to improve technical skills and knowledge in the field of wastewater management within the Department. This was to ensure that the processes and the condition of infrastructure are adequate to discharge compliant, effluent quality wastewater services.

The workshop that started on 25 October and ended on the 27th consolidated the interaction between NDPW staff and a group of specialists by reinforcing, through training, key aspects of the green drop requirements.

This was done in aims to maximise the benefits from the outputs and different learnings of the projects and further set delegates on the road towards achieving Green Drop status by 2021.

During the workshop, regional managers gave their perspective on the strengths, weaknesses, lessons learnt and the way forward with regards to each of their wastewater treatment works plants.

Each region also received a file containing all final reports, tools and results for each of the regions wastewater treatment works.

The work shop also included an award ceremony to acknowledge NDPW staff handling wastewater treatment works and waste water professionals for their commitment to develop their skills and improve operations.