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CONCERNS about possible E.coli outbreaks and other health challenges prompted a site visit to the Mtunzini sanitation plant last week.

DA KZN Leader Francois Rodgers, accompanied by representatives from King Cetshwayo District and uMlalazi municipalities, visited the facility in the Mtunzini CBD.

According to the contracted operating company, the plant has not been functioning properly since 2019 - something Rodgers has vowed to take up with the provincial legislature.

The facility is owned by the Department of Public Works, and services the Mtunzini courts, SAPS offices and a correctional centre.

"What we saw is raw effluent flowing

out of the system into the Mtunzini lagoon," said Rodgers.

"It has an impact on the environment and ultimately the ocean. I will now engage with public works to find out what exactly the problem is," he said, adding that the tourism sector was also likely to be impacted.

uMlalazi Ward 19 Councillor Sifiso Yimba confirmed the plant has been a burden, saying the sludge sometimes overflows into the park.

"Last year, I engaged with an official from the department, who promised the plant was going to be fixed within two weeks, but nothing has happened," said Yimba.

According to Mtunzini Residents Association chairman Jeremy Nottingham, the residents have asked the municipality for assistance on many occasions, without any luck.



KZN DA leadership visited the Mtunzini sanitation plant



The dilapidated Mtunzini sanitation plant surrounded by overgrown grass