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Water efficiency strategies saving water-Minister Nhleko

Water Efficiency Strategies for No Drop compliance to save water are being implemented as part of water conservation and water demand management interventions at all state-owned facilities. This follows the completion of water distribution Infrastructure assessments, Minister of Public Works, Nathi Nhleko, said on Thursday.

“The expenditure of over R42,7 million on blue drop requirements and condition assessments at 64 water treatment works facilities ensured that water of high quality standard is provided at military bases and to populations accommodated at correctional centres, ” highlighted Nhleko commending the water infrastructure turn-around plan programme.

Nhleko, cited that 13 of the water treatment works facilities that were previously poorly maintained are located in the Eastern Cape while others were spread across the Western Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Free State, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo.

He said that his department spent R55, 4 million on projects aimed at meeting green drop requirements at 82 waste water treatment works across the country.

The water quality management programme targeting employment of 1404 young people at 340 facilities is being rolled out by the department in the current financial year.

Civil engineers, artisans (electrical, instrumentation, mechanical & boiler makers) water resource practitioners, compliance managers, senior process controllers, process controllers, maintenance managers, general workers, support staff, laboratory staff and security are being recruited for participation in the programme.

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