



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## Durban Heights Waterworks Planned Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Durban Heights Waterworks, situated in Reservoir Hills, Durban, is presently the largest water treatment works owned and operated by Umgeni Water.

At the Durban Heights Waterworks, approximately 600 million litres of water is stored in dams/reservoirs and is disinfected with chlorine. The reservoirs are regularly inspected by on site operations and the Department of Water Affairs, in accordance with the legislation. Due to the large usage of chlorine, a dedicated chlorine building has been designed on the Waterworks to house the chlorine. The design of the building includes numerous safety features such as chlorine sensors with alarms, ventilation systems, intruder detection etc.

Umgeni Water's Durban Heights Waterworks has a comprehensive on site risk based emergency plan. This plan was established to systematically deal with emergencies. To achieve this goal, well defined steps to be taken in the event of an emergency have been outlined. Accident prevention, safety, health and environmental

protection as well as continuous improvement of quality are the responsibility of every employee at Umgeni Water Durban Heights Waterworks.

Due to Umgeni Water's continuous commitment to ensuring optimum awareness of safety, health, environment and quality issues amongst its employees, customers and other stakeholders, the intent of this planned preparedness drill is to ensure safety from threats and also prevent harmful disruption to its business activities.

This Emergency preparedness exercise is planned for **Friday 20 November 2009 at the Durban Height Waterworks**. It will involve all eThekweni Metropolitan municipality's emergency services required in the event of a real emergency situation. Areas of strengths and weaknesses will be identified during this exercise.

Umgeni Water will then ensure that areas of weaknesses are actioned immediately enabling the organisation to be prepared to handle any unplanned disasters.

