

## **Reduced Supply of Potable Water from Midmar Water Works**

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Two of the four pumps that convey water from Midmar Dam to the Midmar Water Works for treatment to potable have malfunctioned, resulting in deficit of raw water supply from this plant.

The deficit of raw water at this stage amounts to 40 megalitres (40 million litres per day), which means that there is a shortfall in supply of potable water to the similar amount to eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, uMgungundlovu District Municipality and Msunduzi Local Municipality. The consequence of this situation is that some of the reservoirs of uMgungundlovu DM and Msunduzi LM are receiving reduced amounts of water from Midmar Water Works, which may affect supply to some consumers, specifically in parts of Pietermaritzburg Town, Imbali, Vulindlela, Richmond, Howick and eThekweni through Point M in Umlaas Road.

Since discovery of failure of the two pumps, Umgeni Water implemented a quick recovery plan. Work has already begun on repairing one of the pumps and when work is completed and the pump becomes functional again by tonight, Umgeni Water will be able draw the full 380 megalitres of raw water it needs in order to return potable water production to normal.

After full potable water production and supply are restored, it generally takes 24 hours for the reticulation system to fully recover.

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