



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM
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**NO.157/2025 MS H LIDGETT (DA) TO ASK THE MEC FOR ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

**1. HOW MANY ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION PROJECTS HAVE BEEN
INITIATED SINCE 2022 TO ADDRESS THE CONTAMINATION OF RIVERS,
WETLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS:**

Below is the breakdown of projects initiated to address pollution:

- 112 for pump stations repairs;
- 148 for sewer network repairs¹; and
- repairs to the 6-waste water treatment works (WWTWs).

These repairs are undertaken by eThekweni Municipality in response to the S28 of NEMA Directive which was issued by this Department to the eThekweni Municipality to address the issue of contamination following the 2022 flooding incident.

¹ The list is not complete as there is ongoing investigation to locate the leaks due to insufficient flows to the WWTWs.



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2. WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THESE PROJECTS ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL?

- All pump stations (100%) were operational post repairs process. However, these facilities do experience overflows which is in most cases due to high rainfall and occasionally when there is blockage in the system due to foreign objects.
- All the repaired sewer networks (100%) are operational. As mentioned above, this does not imply that there are no leakages due to ongoing investigations in other areas.
- All WWTWs are functional and have improved in terms of compliance on the outflow water quality results. It must be noted however that not all facilities are fully functional as per the table below:

Name of the facility	Operating capacity
Northern WWTW	50%
Umbilo WWTW	70%
Kwandengezi WWTW	100%
Glenwood WWTW	100%
Umdloti WWTW	100%
Umhlanga WWTW	50%

3. WHAT IS THE COMPLETION DATE FOR EACH?

Below is a table reflecting the anticipated date of completion:

No.	Name of the facility	Completion date
1.	Northern WWTW	28 January 2027
2.	Umbilo WWTW	30 October 2026
3.	Kwandengezi WWTW	30 March 2026
4.	Glenwood WWTW	31 October 2024 (completed)
5.	Umdloti WWTW	29 April 2027
6.	Umhlanga WWTW	30 October 2026



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- 100% of the identified Storm Damage Sewer Pumpstations projects were completed in December 2022.
- 100% of the identified Storm Damage Sewer Reticulation major projects were completed in June 2023.
- 100% of the identified Storm Damage Sewer Reticulation minor projects-completed in March 2024.
- 100% of the storm Damage Sewer Treatment works minor projects was completed in December 2022.
- Storm Damage Sewer Treatment work major projects are estimated to start in 2024 and not yet completed.

4. WHAT PUNITIVE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AGAINST CORPORATIONS FOUND GUILTY OF ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS?

The Department has opened 5 cases against EThekweni Municipality for sewer related pollution as per the list below:

1. Eiderwood/Phoenix Case CAS150/04/2022
2. Isipingo Case CAS83/07/2022
3. Winklespruit Case CAS203/09/2022
4. Verulam Case CAS214/12/2022
5. Umlazi case CAS57/02/2023

5. WHO ARE THESE CORPORATIONS?

EThekweni Municipality



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6. HOW DOES THE DEPARTMENT INTEND TO ADDRESS THE WIDESPREAD PUBLIC PERCEPTION THAT IT IS FAILING TO HOLD POLLUTERS ACCOUNTABLE?

There has been ongoing campaigns to educate communities and holds bi-monthly environmental compliance meetings with the affected line departments within the Municipality to provide updated progress reports so that the Department can track progress, understand the challenges and provide strategic guidance.

COMPILED BY: DR B R DLAMINI CHIEF DIRECTOR: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DATE: _____	APPROVED BY: REV MUSA ZONDI, MPL MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DATE: _____
RECOMMENDED BY: MR B.N NKONTWANA HEAD OF DEPARTMENT DATE: _____	