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Knysna Municipality assures Karatara Residents of safe drinking water

The Knysna Municipality would like to address concerns raised by Karatara residents regarding an earthy smell in their treated water and allegations of a diarrhoea outbreak in the area.

Recent tests conducted by an independent laboratory, in line with the South African National Standards (SANS) 241 for drinking water, confirm that the treated water from the Karatara Water Treatment Works (WTW) is of excellent chemical and bacteriological quality. The water fully complies with the SANS 241 limits.

In response to the diarrhoea concerns, another sample was taken on 27 August 2024 to check for Escherichia Coli (E-coli), a common cause of such outbreaks. Test results have shown that no E-coli was present in either the initial or subsequent samples.

Knysna acting Municipal Manager, Setloane Malepeng, reassured residents that there is no evidence to suggest that the water caused the diarrhoea outbreak. "Our tests consistently show that the water is safe to drink, and we remain committed to ensuring the health and safety of our community."

The municipality will continue to monitor water quality closely and encourage residents to report any concerns.

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