



ENSURING FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: AIR QUALITY ACT (NEMAQA)

DATE: Wednesday, 13th September 2017

VENUE: E249, Parliament of the RSA, Cape Town

CHAIRPERSON OF THE COLLOQUIUM: Hon Mr MP Mapulane, (MP)

PROGRAMME

SCENE-SETTING SESSION		
08:15 – 08:30	Registration, coffee & tea	Committee Secretariat
08:30 – 08:50	Welcoming and opening address	Hon Mr MP Mapulane, Chairperson: Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs
8:50 – 09:10	Keynote address	Hon Edna Molewa, Minister: Environmental Affairs
09:10 – 09:55	Implementation of the Air Quality Act (Act No 39 of 2004): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key findings of the Vaal Triangle Study and implications• Compliance with <i>Minimum Emission Standards</i> (MES)• Review of Air Quality Management Plans and challenges	Deputy Director-General: Climate Change and Air Quality
09:55 – 10:20	Local Government perspective on effective implementation of the NEMAQA and capacity thereof	SALGA

10:20 – 11:00	Comments, questions and answers	All
11:00 – 11:15	TEA/COFFEE	ALL
INDUSTRY RESPONSE TO SOCIETAL IMPACT SESSION		
11:15 – 11:40	Human exposure and health effects of <i>air pollution</i> in priority areas	groundWork
11:40 – 12:05	Industry response to MES: sufficient or inadequate?	Eskom
12:05 – 12:35	Comments, questions and answers	All
12:35 – 13:05	LUNCH	ALL
PANEL DISCUSSION SESSION: PROSPECTS FOR FULL COMPLIANCE THROUGH BETTER ACCOUNTABILITY		
13:05 – 13:35	Trends in air pollution in South Africa	Dr Rebecca Garland, CSIR
13:35 – 14:00	Proper measurement of ambient air quality: are we better or worse off?	Prof Emeritus E Cairncross, CPUT
14:00 – 14:30	Prospects for holding <i>individual</i> polluters to account in priority areas: regulatory framework, science, compliance enforcement, innovation and urgent steps necessary to improve air quality	Centre for Environmental Rights (CER)
14:30 – 15:30	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
15:30 – 15:45	Departmental perspective on the inputs of the day	Ms Nosipho Ngcaba, Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs
15:45 – 16:00	Way forward and Closure	Minister & the Chairperson