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MEC Gaolaolwe condemns sewer spillage in Matloding

The MEC for Local Government and Human Settlements in Bokone Bophirima, Galaletsang Gaolaolwe has condemned in the strongest terms, the recent incident wherein a septic tank was emptied into a river in Matloding near Mahikeng.

A local primary school contracted a service provider to do routine emptying of the septic tank and the contents were later found in the nearby river. MEC Gaolaolwe who was alerted by a local chief, moved swiftly by calling a meeting with the Mayors of Ratlou, Tebogo Modise and Ngaka Modiri Molema district municipality, Tshepo Makolomakwe, Kgosi Iponeng Motsamai of Matloding, officials from Sedibeng Water, Department of Water and Sanitation and Education and Sport Development, in an effort to get first hand information on what led to such an incident.

She has since called for the Department of Education and Sport Development to launch a thorough investigation. In the meantime, both the Department of Water and Sanitation and Sedibeng Water will do water testing to detect if the water has been contaminated and advice on a (cleaning) process going forward.

“It is very sad that we still have people who do such horrendous things to the very water that we are so in short of. Whoever has done this, will have to dealt with and this can even mean revoking his operating licence.”, warned MEC Gaolaolwe.

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