DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SANITATION

NO. 630   **16 July 2021**

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND MAKE REPRESENTATIONS: REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF WATER FOR EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF ONSHORE NATURALLY OCCURRING HYDROCARBONS THAT REQUIRE STIMULATION, INCLUDING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND UNDERGROUND COAL GASIFICATION, TO EXTRACT, AND ANY ACTIVITY INCIDENTAL THERETO THAT MAY IMPACT DETRIMENTALLY ON THE WATER RESOURCE, PUBLISHED ON GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 44545 DATED 07 MAY 2021

I, Deborah Mochotlhi, in my capacity as Acting Director-General of the Department of Water and Sanitation, after a careful consideration of submissions made by interested and affected parties hereby extend the period required to submit comments on the draft regulations with additional **60 working days** to the period already prescribed on Government Notice No. 44545 dated 07 May 2021.

The Department (DWS) published the draft regulations in Government Notice No. 44545 dated 07 May 2021 inviting the public to provide comments. The period of one month given for public comments have been reconsidered in light of the requests for an extension by interested and affected parties. Only the period and the addressee are affected by this Notice and all other requirements apply as per previous publication.

All comments and representations must be submitted in writing in any of the following ways:

By post to: The Director-General
                Department of Water and Sanitation
                Private Bag X313
                Pretoria
                0001
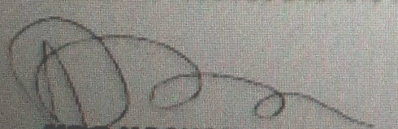
By hand to: The Director-General
                Department of Water and Sanitation
                Sedibeng Building, 185 Francis Baard Street,
                Pretoria

By e-mail to: unconventionalgas@dws.gov.za

Comments or representations must be marked for the attention of: Acting Deputy Director-General: Regulation, Compliance and Enforcement, Mr. Leonardo Manus.

Any enquiries in connection with the proposed Regulations can be directed to Mr. Siboniso Mkhaliphi at 012 336 8048 or to mkhaliphis@dws.gov.za.

Comments received after the closing date will not be considered.

D MOCHOTLHI
ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

9/06/2021