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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF ONSHORE PETROLEUM RESOURCES REQUIRING FRACTURING TECHNOLOGY; MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR BASELINE MONITORING FOR ONSHORE EXPLORATION OPERATIONS; MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF ONSHORE PETROLEUM USING FRACTURING TECHNOLOGY; AND ONSHORE WELL DECOMMISSIONING GUIDELINES

I, Willem Abraham Stephanus Aucamp, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby notify members of the public and stakeholders of the extension of the comment period for the following Government Notices that were published in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998):

- Government Notice No. 6806 in Government Gazette No. 53637 of 7 November 2025: Consultation on the proposed Regulations for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Resources requiring Fracturing Technology;
- Government Notice No. 6811 in Government Gazette No. 53637 of 7 November 2025: Consultation on the intention to prescribe Minimum Information Requirements for Baseline Monitoring for Onshore Exploration Operations;
- Government Notice No. 6808 in Government Gazette No. 53637 of 7 November 2025: Consultation on the intention to prescribe Minimum Information Requirements for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Using Fracturing Technology; and
- Government Notice No. 6818 in Government Gazette No. 53649 of 7 November 2025: Consultation on the intention to prescribe Onshore Well Decommissioning Guidelines prepared by Petroleum Agency South Africa.

Written comments or input must be submitted to the Department by 13 February 2026, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
The Director-General
Attention: Mr Simon Moganetsi
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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

By e-mail: Smoganetsi@dfpe.gov.za.

Any inquiries in connection with the Notice can be directed to Mr Simon Moganetsi by phone at 012 399 9309 or by mail at Smoganetsi@dfre.gov.za.

Documents can be accessed at:

- https://www.dfre.gov.za/projectprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments; and
- https://www.dfre.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices.

Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



MR WILLEM ABRAHAM STEPHANUS AUCAMP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT