

IT'S OFFICIAL: ETHEKWINI'S TAP WATER IS ONE OF THE SAFEST TO DRINK IN THE COUNTRY

AN INDEPENDENT research study has confirmed that tap water in eThekweni Municipality is one of the safest to drink in South Africa.

The research investigation conducted by News24 and Netwerk24 journalists, funded by Truth First, a central lab partner and a network of laboratories all over the country revealed that water turbidity levels in eThekweni

were at an acceptable level.

“Turbidity measures the suspended particles, both chemical and biological, in water. High turbidity is not dangerous in itself, but it can point to all kinds of trouble, such as dirty pipes or issues with filtration at point of treatment. It also has an outsized aesthetic impact; highly turbid water looks nasty, and people may avoid it,” the

report reads. In South Africa, drinking water is required to come in at 1 or below, as measured in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). “In the testing, only the Durban and Johannesburg taps have consistently been below that level. In Cape Town and parts of Bloemfontein, turbidity was consistently unacceptable at our testing points, researchers also found occasional trouble

at the Gqeberha tap,” the report further states.

The research drew weekly samples in six cities namely Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein and Gqeberha.

EThekweni Mayor Councillor Mxolisi Kaunda said this independent research study indicates that the City is meeting the service delivery needs of residents.

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