



Air Quality Management Planning

An Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) refers to a documented plan to ensure that air quality in a specific area is in compliance with the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act, Act 39 of 2004 (NEM:AQA).

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, through the Directorate: Pollution Management's Air Quality Management component, has developed the Western Cape Provincial AQMP.

The AQMP identifies all activities to be undertaken to plan, assess, characterise, mitigate, implement, monitor and review the air quality within the specific area. The

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AQMP planning process is illustrated in the diagram below.

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The NEM:AQA states that each National and Provincial Department responsible for preparing an Environmental Implementation Plan (EIP), or an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in terms of Chapter 3 of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998 (NEMA), should include an AQMP.

In addition, each Municipality must include an AQMP in its Integrated Development Plan (IDP).

Industries that release emissions that may have a significant impact on ambient air quality should also prepare an AQMP as part of their EMP.

A copy of the Western Cape AQMP can be found at your local library.

Public participation is important in achieving good air quality. You can make a difference!



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