

# **MODIMOLLE MUNICIPALITY HAS BLUE**

## **DROP STATUS**

### BLUE DROP SYSTEM

The Blue Drop System was initiated by the Department of Water Affairs in September 2008 as part of the Drinking Water Quality (DWQ) regulation program to instill public confidence in drinking water. The system is proving to be the catalyst for sustained improvement of South African drinking water quality management. The Regulator has the duty to monitor Water Services Institutions (WSI) as specified in Section 62 of the Water Services Act (No.108 of 1997). WSI are thus compelled to provide the necessary information required to undertake a proper analysis on the quality of water services and performance, participation in the Blue and Green Drop Assessments is therefore mandatory.

The Municipality has shown continuous improvement since the inception of this regulation. The requirements become more stringent with each year, with the addition of a required: Management, Accountability & Local Regulation (20%), Annual Process Audit (20%) and Risk & Operational Assessment Index (10%).

Modimolle Local Municipality was awarded Blue Drop Status for 2010/11 with a Blue Drop Score of **95.01%** which is an improvement from last two assessments scores of 2008/9 & 2009/10 with a score of 19.9% and 39.88% respectively. The municipality is very excited with the recognition and wants its other systems to follow suit i.e. Mabaleng (Alma), Mabatlane (Vaalwater).

There are currently sixty-six water reticulation systems with Blue Drop status in the country and one of those is in Modimolle, and the only one in the Waterberg District. The assessment is not just focused on the end product but looks at the system in its entirety i.e. from operational monitoring, compliance monitoring and management of the system.

The Municipality is encouraged and motivated with this award and will not rest on its laurels but ensure that all possible is done to maintain or improve performance.

For more information on Blue and Green Drop reports you can visit: [www.dwa.gov.za](http://www.dwa.gov.za)

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