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GAUTENG HEALTH MONITORS WATER SITUATION AT ITS FACILITIES AS WATER UTILITIES REPORT SYSTEMS FAILURE DUE TO POWER TRIP

The Gauteng Department of Health (GDoH) continues to monitor the water supply situation at health facilities following the notices by water utilities on the impact of the severe thunderstorm that took place around midnight on Tuesday, 19 September 2023.

Rand Water issued a notice that its Zuikerbosch Water Treatment Plant power lines were affected, while Johannesburg Water indicated that their water systems have also been impacted by a power failure at the same treatment plant.

Due to the challenges experienced by Rand Water which has affected numerous areas including Germiston in Ekurhuleni, Bertha Gxowa Hospital experienced water shortages this morning but the situation improved later in the afternoon as water started flowing in from the municipal line.

Rahima Moosa Mother and Child Hospital is still relying on roving water tankers from Johannesburg Water and the facility's two boreholes.

Pholosong Hospital in Ekurhuleni and Helen Joseph Hospital in Johannesburg are now back to normal as the water supply has been restored.

The GDoH has activated contingency measures and continues to work closely with local authorities and water utilities to mitigate against the negative impact of water outages.

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