



EnviroServ Group statement on notice of intention to suspend waste management licence:

Please quote EnviroServ Group CEO Dean Thompson:

It is with surprise that we have received notice from the Department of Environmental Affairs of intention to suspend or revoke the Shongweni Waste Management Licence. We will motivate fully why this is not necessary given the facts at hand. In the interim we remain a compliant and legal site.

It is unfortunate that the Department has succumbed to public opinion and has been forced to inexplicably deviate from the agreed remedial processes that we have complied with, and will continue to implement. There is no scientific evidence to link EnviroServ to the odour as the DEA- requested technical and toxicology studies are still underway.

With the DEA's permission, we have reverted to treating incoming waste to the Minimum Requirements standards that existed prior to the introduction of the Waste Management regulations during August 2013. This has been the primary cause of the recent odour problems experienced at the site. The revised treatment standard has immediately benefitted the situation as pH levels of the site have shown a marked improvement and will continue to do so as we continue to receive waste streams so treated. During last week's visit by the DEA, officials commented favourably on the odour improvement in the treatment plant area.

The Department's investigation into potential contraventions of legislation is still preliminary and inconclusive. We are liaising with the investigation unit and have agreed timeframes for the submission of outstanding information and representations. This information still needs to be considered before any decisions are made.

