

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO PRESCRIBE MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF ONSHORE PETROLEUM USING FRACTURING
TECHNOLOGY**

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on the intention to prescribe Minimum Information Requirements for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Using Fracturing Technology, Revision 0, October 2025 in terms of section 24(5)(h) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998). These draft Minimum Information Requirements are published simultaneously with, and are intended to support, the proposed Regulations for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Using Fracturing Technology, 2025.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or input, within 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*, or a notification in a newspaper, whichever occurs last, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
The Director-General
Attention: Mr Simon Moganetsi
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By hand at: Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

By e-mail: Smoganetsi@dfre.gov.za.

Any enquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Mr Simon Moganetsi at 012 399 9309 or by mail at Smoganetsi@dfre.gov.za.

A hard copy of any notice or document associated with this *Government Gazette* can be requested from Ms M Masondo at email: mmasondo@dfre.gov.za or collected at the Department's physical address as indicated above. The documents can be downloaded from the Department's website at https://www.dfre.gov.za/projectprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments and the Government Notice can be downloaded from the Department's website at https://www.dfre.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices.

Comments or input received after the closing date may be disregarded.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses thereto are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation, being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted in response to this Government Notice.



DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

1. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has, through an inter-governmental drafting process, developed the draft Minimum Information Requirements for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Using Fracturing Technology, Revision 0, October 2025 (MIRs for Exploration and Production) which supports the proposed Regulations for the Exploration and Production of Onshore Petroleum Resources Requiring Fracturing Technology.
2. The MIRs for Exploration and Production focusses on the onshore exploration and production of petroleum which requires the use of fracturing technology and has been developed with the following objectives, namely to-
 - 2.1. identify and consolidate the assessment and reporting requirements of all decision-making authorities into one document;
 - 2.2. facilitate the combination of the information prepared in line with these MIRs for Exploration and Production into one consolidated assessment report to inform decision-making by all relevant decision-making authorities;
 - 2.3. facilitate consultation with stakeholders on the consolidated assessment report, integrated operational monitoring plan and environmental management programme through one integrated public participation process; and
 - 2.4. facilitate the submission of the consolidated assessment report, integrated operational monitoring plan and environmental management programme to all decision-making authorities.
3. The MIR for Exploration and Production can be accessed at https://www.dffe.gov.za/projectprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments and the Government Notice can be downloaded from the Department's website at https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices