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Mr A Arnolds (Western Cape: EFF) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

Whether her department received any complaints regarding the air quality in the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality area; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, (a) how many complaints, (b) what actions were taken in this regard, (c) what are the names of the businesses that have been found to be polluting the air and (d) what actions were taken against such businesses?

124.THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

(a) (b) (c) (d)

The facilities that hold Atmospheric Emissions Licenses (AELs) are regularly inspected by the Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs) and where non-compliances are identified, the necessary administrative actions are undertaken.

When air pollution complaints are received, the City records the complaint and relevant officials investigate the source of the complaint. Wherein it is established that license conditions or

legislation including by-laws are transgressed, compliance notices are issued and the facility further monitored for compliance with the notice conditions. These notices have been found to be effective especially for formal businesses dealing with illegal activities

During 2020, the City of Johannesburg received the six complaints regarding air pollution in the city as listed below.

NAME OF BUSINESS	NATURE OF COMPLAINT	DATE	STATUS /ACTION
Q-PET (Liquid Packaging) No. 29 Bunsen Street, Industria	Boiler emitting black smoke	12 February 2020	The inspection was conducted and the facility found to have failed to comply with the City Air Pollution Control By-laws. A notice was issued for the facility to remedy the situation. The issue is resolved.
Kyasand Area	Air pollution resulting from burning of waste material. The area of Kyasand is prone to illegal land invasion which result in increased levels of illegal dumping and the households use wood to make household fire	June 2020-ongoing	The matter has been investigated and a number of challenges that result in the issue of air pollution identified. The first challenge is the mushrooming of informal settlements, land invasions, illegal dumping sites and burning of waste. The matter was escalated to the law enforcement team at JMPD and PikitUp is clearing dumping in the area with no success due to level of lawlessness in the area. Enforcement actions are on-going with high level of resistance from the community. Officials are attacked from time to time. A Multi-stakeholder team is working on finding a solution to the problem.
Leader Rubber Company (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd, Industria-West (Region B)	Dark smoke emanating from stack	03 August 2020	Pre-compliance notice was issued and the facility took necessary measures to resolve the complaint.
Crest chemicals-Midrand	Bad smell from the facility during loading and offloading of their materials. The smell suspected to be Sulphur or Ammonia	18 August 2020	The facility was issued with a pre-compliance notice and is currently being monitored for compliance

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Panorama Garden site fire –Roodeport	A fire started at the Panorama Garden Site in October 2020 due to vagrants living near the site. The fires used by the vagrants burnt out of control and traversed the fence of the garden site. The garden waste and recycling caught alight causing severe air pollution in the adjacent suburbs. The resulting fire burnt for approximately three (3) weeks.	October 2020	CM&E assisted the Waste Management Unit by getting 'Working for Fire' to assist EMS to extinguish the fire. In terms of the Duty of Care (Section 28 of NEMA), the City undertook the necessary actions to ensure that the fire was dealt with. The matter has been closed out.
B.BRAUN South Africa	Black smoke from a boiler	11 November 2020	The facility was inspected and investigation conducted to determine the source of smoke. The matter was later resolved.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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