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The Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) together with the National Consumer Commission (NCC) and the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) as well as the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) located within the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA), led a safe paraffin appliance awareness campaign in Masiphumelele, Cape Town.

The campaign is aimed at raising awareness about the usage of safe paraffin stoves and to eliminate poor quality

stoves that tend to contribute to fires that often devastate informal settlements across the country. It is also aimed at improving intergovernmental cooperation and facilitating service delivery where the provision of safe consumer goods is concerned.

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Masiphumelele in pics



Killer stoves must be removed from the market - Mamadise told residents of Madiba Park

Delivering his maiden speech, following his appointment, Acting National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) CEO Edward Mamadise, urged NRCS inspectors to double their efforts in order to remove unsafe paraffin stoves, which cause damage in most informal settlements in South Africa.



He was speaking during the Safe Appliance Awareness campaign, held in Galeshewe. The campaign was a joined effort with the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti), the National Consumer Commission (NCC), Sol Plaatje Local Municipality as well as the National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) which is located within the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA).

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The campaign also enabled further face-to-face community engagements; the community was made aware of the risks posed by non-compliant products in relation to safety, health and matters of environmental protection as well as the rights of the consumers.■

Killer stove in pics



The NRCS conducted a door to door campaign to eradicate non-compliant paraffin stoves in Kimberly

Inspectors and officials of The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS), accompanied by community volunteers and officials from the the National Consumer Commission (NCC) descended upon Madiba Park informal settlement near Galeshewe in Kimberly to conduct a door to door campaign, as part of the Safer Paraffin Stove Campaign.

More than 1800 households were visited and 850 unsafe stoves were replaced with compliant ones to ensure the safety of the people.■

Madiba park in pics





6th NRCS Building Control Officer's Convention a resounding success

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) in partnership with the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality hosted the sixth annual Building Control Officers' Convention at the Emperors Palace in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg.

Held under the theme: Resilient Built Environment Management for Life, the convention brought together Building Control Officers (BCO's) from various municipalities

across the country as well as the NRCS, the dti and other critical stakeholders. They met to discuss matters of interest in relation to the National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act (Act no 103 of 1977).

Various institutions such as the University of Johannesburg, SABS, and CIDB made presentation at the convention to mention just a few.■

NRCS Levy sessions afforded industry members a platform to raise issues with the Regulator

The National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) successfully concluded levy consultation sessions in Gauteng, Durban, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, where the increase of the levy for the year 2016/17 was discussed with industry members.

In all the sessions held, the NRCS acting CEO Edward Mamadise told industry members that the NRCS is working with various stakeholders to ensure that non-levy payers

are brought to book and prosecuted. He warned in several meetings that non-payment of levies was a serious offence and that the NRCS will do all in its power to address this serious infringement.

Industry members were also given an opportunity to raise issues with the regulator, they cited problems such as; poor communication as well as backlogs with regard to issuing of LOA's to mention just a couple.■

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