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ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL AND POLICY COMPLIANCE	Failure to adhere to existing policies and legal obligations could lead to the project conflicting with local, provincial and national policies, guidelines and legislation. This could result in lack of institutional support for the project, overall project failure and undue disturbance to the natural environment. <i>Cumulative impact would be high as there are a range of renewable energy facilities proposed within the greater area. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative could result in landowners looking at other avenues of potential income which would need to comply with environmental law and policy.</i>	DIRECT	REGIONAL NATIONAL	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ Ensure that all relevant legislation and policy is consulted and further ensure that the project is compliant with such legislation and policy. ⤴ These must include (but not restricted to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local and District Spatial Development Frameworks ▪ Local Municipal bylaws ⤴ In addition, planning for the construction and operation of the proposed energy facility must consider available best practice guidelines. 	EASY	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	REGIONAL NATIONAL	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	HIGH -		MODERATE	LOW -
		NO-GO	REGIONAL NATIONAL	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	LOW -		EASY	LOW -
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION	The introduction of roads and impermeable areas could increase rates of run-off and therefore the risk of localised flooding. <i>Cumulative impact would be moderate as there are a range of activities, including roads, which contribute to erosion at localised levels. However, these activities are not prevalent in the area. No-go alternative would still present a level of stormwater runoff and erosion due to current farming activities and existing impermeable surfaces.</i>	INDIRECT	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ Structures must be located at least 32m away from identified drainage lines. ⤴ A Stormwater Management Plan must be designed and implemented to ensure maximum water seepage at the source of water flow. ⤴ The plan must also include management mitigation measures for water pollution, wastewater management and the management of surface erosion e.g. by considering the applicability of contouring, etc. ⤴ An Erosion Management Plan must be designed and implemented to ensure minimal impact. 	EASY	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		MODERATE	LOW -
		NO-GO	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	LOW -		DIFFICULT	LOW -
MANAGEMENT OF GENERAL WASTE	Inappropriate planning for management and disposal of waste e.g. storage disposal could result in surface and ground water contamination. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to general waste as the site does not currently experience issues regarding waste.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ Develop and implement a Waste Management Plan for handling on site waste. ⤴ Designate an appropriate area where waste can be stored before disposal. ⤴ General Waste must be disposed of at a registered landfill site. 	EASY	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		EASY	LOW -
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT							
SCHEDULING OF CONSTRUCTION	Construction scheduling that does not take into account the seasonal requirements of the aquatic environment, e.g. allowing for unimpeded flood events, could lead to short-term (and potentially long-term) impacts such as excessive sediment mobilization, etc. <i>Cumulative impact would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters be constructed at the same time. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to construction scheduling as no other construction, that we are aware of, is planned on site.</i>	INDIRECT	REGIONAL	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ Wherever possible, construction activities must be undertaken during the driest part of the year to minimize downstream sedimentation due to excavation, etc. ⤴ When not possible, suitable stream diversions structures must be used to ensure that rivers/streams are not negatively impacted by construction activity. 	EASY	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	REGIONAL	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		EASY	LOW -
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT							
CONSTRUCTION PHASE										
<i>GENERAL IMPACTS</i>										
NUISANCE DUST		DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	PROBABLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -

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	Dust is likely to be a potential nuisance due to the construction activities. <i>Cumulative impact would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters be constructed during the same period. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i> <i>No-go alternative would result in no impact related to construction nuisance dust as no other construction activities, that we are aware of, are planned on site.</i>	CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ Fugitive/nuisance dust must be reduced by implementing one of or a combination of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Damping down of un-surfaced and un-vegetated areas; ▪ Retention of vegetation where possible; ▪ Excavations and other clearing activities must only be done during agreed working times and permitting weather conditions to avoid drifting of sand and dust into neighbouring areas; ▪ A speed limit of 40km/h must not be exceeded on dirt roads; ⤴ Any complaints or claims emanating from the lack of dust control must be attended to immediately by the Contractor. 	EASY	LOW -
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT							
FIRE	Risk of runaway fires from construction activities related to having people on site, such as cooking, smoking or burning of vegetation might lead to the burning of surrounding vegetation. <i>Cumulative impact would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters be constructed during the same period. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i> <i>No-go alternative would still retain a fire risk as fires are a natural occurrence.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ There must be no burning of construction waste or debris onsite. ⤴ Cooking and burning of vegetation is not permitted on site. ⤴ Smoking on site must be confined to a designated area in the vicinity of the site office which must be equipped with the necessary fire extinguishers. ⤴ Develop and implement a Fire Management Plan. 	MODERATE	MODERATE -
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		MODERATE	MODERATE -
		NO-GO	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		MODERATE	MODERATE -
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	Sediment is likely to be created during construction. This could be washed off into the nearby drainage line e.g. during the excavation of foundations, the laying of access roads within the site, digging of cable runs and soil stripping and stockpiling to create foundations and temporary areas of hard-standing, such as the construction camp. <i>Cumulative impact would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters be constructed during the same period. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i> <i>No-go alternative would still present a level of stormwater runoff and erosion due to current farming activities and existing impermeable surfaces.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ The recommendations of the Stormwater Management Plan must be implemented to avoid soil erosion and siltation of drainage line. ⤴ The recommendations of the Erosion Management Plan must be implemented to reduce the risk of soil erosion. 	MODERATE	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		MODERATE	LOW -
		NO-GO	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	LOW	LOW -		MODERATE	LOW -
DEGRADATION OF DRAINAGE LINES FROM EARTHWORKS	Unplanned construction activities or earthworks that occur close to onsite drainage lines could cause adverse impacts such as soil erosion, siltation, and blockage of the drainage line. <i>Cumulative impact would be high as there are a range of activities, including roads, substations, overhead lines and neighbouring WEFs which could contribute to the degradation of drainage lines at localised levels if not properly managed during construction. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i> <i>No-go alternative would have no impact as there are currently no earthworks activities on site that we are aware of.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⤴ There must be no earthworks, apart from roadworks inclusive of culverts, within 32m of the drainage lines to avoid contamination of water sources. 	MODERATE	LOW -
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		MODERATE	LOW -
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MANAGEMENT OF GENERAL WASTE	Littering by construction workers could cause surface and ground water pollution. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to general waste as the site does not currently experience issues regarding waste.</i>	INDIRECT	STUDY AREA	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	A Waste Management Plan, incorporating recycling and waste minimisation, must be implemented. The Waste Management Plan must be explained to all employees as part of the environmental induction training.	EASY	LOW -		
		CUMULATIVE	STUDY AREA	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		EASY	LOW -		
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT									
HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES	Onsite maintenance of construction vehicles/machinery and equipment could result in oil, diesel and other hazardous chemicals contaminating surface and ground water. Surface and ground water pollution could arise from the spillage or leaking of diesel, lubricants and cement during construction activities. <i>Cumulative impact would be null as no other new activities, which include the use of hazardous substances are planned for this site (localised impact). No-go alternative would result in no impact related to hazardous waste as the site does not currently experience issues related to hazardous substances.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The storage of fuels and hazardous materials must be located away from sensitive water resources. All hazardous substances (e.g. diesel, oil drums, etc.) must be stored in a bunded area. The recommendations of the Stormwater Management Plan and the Waste Management Plan must be implemented during construction. 	MODERATE	LOW -		
		CUMULATIVE	NO IMPACT									
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT									
MANAGEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION WASTE	Waste from construction activities e.g. excess concrete and cement mixture, empty paint containers, oil containers, etc., could cause pollution of ground and surface water when they come into contact with run-off water. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to construction waste as the site does not currently have any construction activities taking place.</i>	DIRECT	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Waste Management Plan for the project must be developed and implemented in the construction phase. All waste must be disposed of at an appropriately licensed landfill site. All construction materials must be stored in a central and secure location with controlled access with an appropriate impermeable surface. The recommendations of the Stormwater Management Plan must be implemented to mitigate the impacts of run-off water on pollution. 	MODERATE	LOW -		
		CUMULATIVE	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		MODERATE	LOW -		
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT									
WATER QUALITY	Wet concrete is highly alkaline. This could result in flash kills of macroinvertebrates and fish species in the vicinity. Soil erosion will decrease the quality of the aquatic habitat downstream of the construction activities by silting over exposed rocks and decreasing the clarity and oxygen saturation of the water. Soil erosion will decrease the quality of the aquatic habitat downstream of the construction activities by silting over exposed rocks and decreasing the clarity and oxygen saturation of the water. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to concrete contamination of watercourses as the site does not currently have any construction activities taking place.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	PROBABLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No concrete mixing will take place within 32m of any watercourse. The concrete batching plant must be clearly demarcated, and no sprawl must be tolerated. 	EASY	LOW -		
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	SEVERE	HIGH -		EASY	LOW -		
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		INDIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -		

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INFILLING/ EXCAVATION IN A WATERCOURSE	<p>Excavated material stockpiles may increase sediment loads in watercourses during rainfall events. Materials used for the infilling of watercourses in order to construct water crossings may not be compatible with the surrounding bed/banks, etc., which could change the characteristics of the watercourse.</p> <p><i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i></p> <p><i>No-go alternative would result in no impact related to excavated stockpiles as the site does not currently have any construction activities taking place.</i></p>	CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockpiled excavated material must not be stored within 32m of a watercourse. Stockpile areas must be suitably bunded to prevent waterborne erosion of exposed soils where there is a likelihood that the soils will be washed into a watercourse. Materials used for infilling must be suitably stabilized to ensure that scour and erosion of the existing bed/banks is exacerbated. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	NO IMPACT								
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT								
DISPOSAL OF SPOIL MATERIAL	<p>Incorrect disposal of subsoil/spoil material could result in significant loss of a useful resource.</p> <p><i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters construction timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i></p> <p><i>No-go alternative would result in no impact related to disposal of spoil materials as the site does not currently have any construction activities taking place.</i></p>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	MEDIUM TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subsoil cannot be disposed of onsite without the appropriate Waste License in terms of the NEMA: Waste Act. Spoil could be used to rehabilitate open borrow pits or erosion features. Disposal of spoil material to a registered landfill must be the last option. No spoil stockpiles will be allowed to remain onsite once construction activities have ceased. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	MEDIUM TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT								
OPERATIONAL PHASE											
<i>GENERAL IMPACTS</i>											
INCREASED STORMWATER RUN-OFF	<p>Failure to maintain the stormwater system could increase the risk of surface water damage to the landscape and vegetation from increased rates of run-off and therefore the risk of localised flooding and increased sheet erosion downstream due to the presence of roads and impermeable areas of hard standing.</p> <p><i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be high should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters operational timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i></p> <p><i>No-go alternative would still present a level of stormwater runoff and erosion due to current farming activities and existing impermeable surfaces.</i></p>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations of the Stormwater Management Plan and Erosion Management Plan must be implemented. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
		NO-GO	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	LOW	LOW -		MODERATE	LOW -	
WASTE MANAGEMENT	<p>There could be littering by maintenance workers and security personnel on site.</p> <p><i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taaibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters operational timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard.</i></p> <p><i>No-go alternative would result in no impact related to general waste as the site does not currently experience issues regarding waste.</i></p>	DIRECT	STUDY AREA	MEDIUM TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Waste Management Plan, incorporating recycling and waste minimisation, must be implemented. The Waste Management Plan must be implemented throughout the operational phase. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	STUDY AREA	MEDIUM TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
		NO-GO	NO IMPACT								
DECOMMISSIONING PHASE											
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POLLUTION	Littering by construction workers could cause surface and ground water pollution. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters decommissioning timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to general waste as the site does not currently experience issues regarding waste.</i>	DIRECT	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Littering must be avoided, and litter bins must be made available at various strategic points on site. Refuse from the decommissioning of the site must be collected on a regular basis and deposited at an appropriate landfill. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
	Onsite maintenance of construction vehicles/machinery and equipment could result in oil, diesel and other hazardous chemicals contaminating surface and ground water. Surface and ground water pollution could arise from the spillage or leaking of diesel, lubricants, etc. during decommissioning. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters decommissioning timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to hazardous waste as the site does not currently experience issues related to hazardous substances.</i>	NO-GO	NO IMPACT								
		DIRECT	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No storage of fuels and hazardous materials must be permitted near sensitive water resources. All hazardous substances (e.g. diesel, oil drums, etc.) to be stored in a bunded area. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	STUDY AREA	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	NO IMPACT								
NO-GO	NO IMPACT										
DUST	Dust is likely to be a potential nuisance due to the decommissioning activities. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters decommissioning timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to decommissioning nuisance dust as no other decommissioning activities should be taking place on the site, that we are aware of.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	PROBABLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of fugitive/nuisance dust could be implemented through the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damping down of un-surfaced and un-vegetated areas; Retention of vegetation where possible; Demolitions and other clearing activities must only be done during agreed working times and permitting weather conditions to avoid drifting of sand and dust into neighbouring areas; A speed limit of 40km/h must not be exceeded on dirt roads. Any complaints or claims emanating from the lack of dust control must be attended to immediately by the Contractor. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
	NO-GO	NO IMPACT									
SOIL EROSION	After the removal of all pylon related structures, the disturbed soils could become exposed, unstable and prone to erosion. <i>Cumulative impact, on a localised scale, would be moderate should the Taibos and Soutrivier WEF clusters decommissioning timelines overlap. However, it is important to note that the 5 WEFs and their associated infrastructure are proposed by the same developer and the EMPs will be prepared to the same standard. No-go alternative would result in no impact related to soil erosion as a result of pylon removal as no other WEFs are planned on this site.</i>	DIRECT	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the removal of all pylon-related structures, the disturbed soils must be re-vegetated to avoid unnecessary soil erosion. This must be based on the Revegetation Plan and the Erosion Management Plan. 	EASY	LOW -	
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	SHORT TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	MODERATE -		EASY	LOW -	
	NO-GO	NO IMPACT									
LAND-USE	Land previously unavailable for certain types of land use will now be available for those uses.	DIRECT	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	LOW +	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mitigation necessary 	MODERATE	LOW +	
		CUMULATIVE	LOCALISED	LONG TERM	POSSIBLE	MODERATE	LOW +		MODERATE	LOW +	
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