

Positioning on the collection of treated water samples in Water Treatment Plants (ETAs)

Samarco clarifies that in the afternoon of last July 5th, as proposed by the Public Prosecutor's Office of Minas Gerais, it accompanied the collection of treated water samples in the Water Treatment Plants (ETAs) of São Vitor, Santa Rita, Recanto dos Sonhos, Vila Isa and Governador Valadares' Central.

On this occasion, samples of the Doce River water treated by the Water and Sewage Autonomous Service (SAAE) were collected by representatives of Samarco and of the Public Prosecutor's Office. The samples collected by Samarco were analyzed by Bioagri and Tommasi laboratories, both accredited by Inmetro. The results attest that there are no alterations in the aluminum and heavy metals parameters. Such analyses are available to the authorities.

Samarco has not yet been notified about the results of the samples collected by the Public Prosecutor's Office. Nonetheless, the company carries out constant water quality monitoring at 92 spots throughout the Doce River and mouth. In the region of Governador Valadares recent reports show that the aluminum chemical parameter is within the limits established by the National Environment Council (CONAMA) and also within the river's historical context in regard to raw water. With respect to treated water, reports show that all parameters are in accordance with the Ministry of Health's ordinance 2914.

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