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Dam levels continue to decline slightly as winter season is in full swing

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The national dam levels continue to decline slightly as the winter season is in full swing. This is based on an assessment conducted on a weekly basis by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The assessment conducted on 12, June 2017 has reflected a 0.4 decrease on dam levels which are currently sitting on an average of 72.1% compared with 71.8.% of the previous week.

Last year at the same time the dam levels were reported to be at 53.8.2%.

There has been a falloff in average dam levels in all provinces. The Algoa system which consists of five dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay reported a 36.4% compared with 37.2% last week which is a decrease of 0.8%.

The Amatola system entailing six dams serving Buffalo City saw a decrease of 0.9% in the previous week. The Cape Town Dams system serving mainly City of Cape Town as a result of the storm that hit the province increased by 1.8% this week, with the Voelvlei dam sitting at 17.2% an increase of 2.5% compared to the previous week. Despite the heavy rains over the past few days Theewaterskloof Dam swelled by a mere 1.9%.

Umgeni Dam system serving mainly eThekweni and Mzinduzi saw a decrease of 0.7%. Other KZN dams, which remain low, include Phongolo at 40.0% and Goedertrouw at 33.8%.

The Vaal River system serving mainly Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom was at 83.5% compared with 84.1% last week. The Sterkfontein dam is steady at 90.4% and The Grootdraai dam has decreased by 0.8% and is now at 89.0%.

In the Orange River the Gariiep dam is at 84.8% a decrease of 1.2%.

Polokwane System remains steady and is currently standing at 64.1% which is the same as it was last week.

The water restrictions will remain in all the other provinces with the exception of Gauteng. Residents are urged to continue using water sparingly.

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