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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels in Eastern Cape are stable

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The good news is that Eastern Cape dams' levels across the province have been showing signs of improvement compared to this time last year.

However, some of the dams continue to show signs of decline, according to a weekly Dam Levels Report released by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Monday, 27 November 2017.

On average, the dam levels in the province is sitting at 61, 7% this week, compared to 60, 9%, last year at this time, a little gain of 0, 7%. There are however, dams that are declining because of severe drought such as Xilinxha Dam in Amathole District Municipality and Kouga Dam in Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality to mention few.

This week Xilinxha Dam and Kouga Dam recorded the highest decline water levels. Kouga Dam lost about 43, 9% of water - a huge decline from last year's 56, 7% to 12, 8% this week. Xilinxha Dam in the Amathole District Municipality declined by 0, 2% from 7, 0% last week to 6, 8% this week.

Our major water supply systems like Algoa are almost empty whereas Amathole gained a little boost from previous rains. Algoa Water Supply System serving the Nelson Mandela Bay is sitting at 29, 9% this week, compared to 64, 7% this time of the previous year. Amathole Supply System serving Buffalo City Metro this week is situated at 79, 2%, compared to 77, 3 % in previous year.

The DWS is encouraging communities to use water sparingly as we are approaching the December holidays and further asked them to reduce water usage.

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