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MEDIA STATEMENT

Despite a rise in dam levels, restrictions remain in place

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) wishes to remind water users to continue using water sparingly and adhere to water restrictions that are still in place.

This continuous call comes after dam levels have shown an increase due to recent good summer rains.

The Vaal System consisting of 14 dams which serve, among others, Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom has seen the Vaal dam water level increase to 63.2% from 59.2% last week.

The Amatole System with six dams serving Buffalo City was 73, 7% last week but dropped slightly to 72, 7% this week. The reservoir was measured at 93, 9% at this time last year.

The Umgeni System, with five dam serving eThekweni and Musunduzi, was at 48, 6% last week but increased to 48, 7% this week. The system was at 57, 2% during the same period last year.

The Bloemfontein System with four dams serving Mangaung has maintained a 37, 0% for the past two weeks. It was recorded at its lowest during the same period last year at 29, 2%.

The Polokwane System was at 54, 4% last year. The system was measured at 48, 1% last week but gained slightly to 48, 7% this week.

The Western Cape System with six dams serving the City of Cape Town was at 42% last week but dipped to 40% this week. The system was at 48, 9% last year.

The Algoa System with five dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay was at 56, 4% last week but dropped to 54, 8% this week. The system was recorded at 93, 1% last year during the same period.

The Department is constantly monitoring the situation and municipalities are implementing additional measures including restrictions and tariff increases where necessary.