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Integrated Vaal River System capacity still steady

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The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) is this week operating above 80% capacity and maintaining consistency on its major dam levels.

The IVRS consists of 14 dams which mainly serve Gauteng and key industries such as Sasol and Eskom.

The Vaal Dam has this week dipped negligibly from 104.9% last week to 104.4%. Last year during this time the dam was at a low of 47.1%.

The Sterkfontein Dam, which is a reservoir, increased from 89.6% last week to 89.9 this week. Two weeks ago the dam was at 83.3%. During the same period last year the dam was at 88.3%.

Decreasing this week is the Grootdraai Dam at 97.5% from 98.6% last week. However, this is an improvement from last year at this time when it was at 89.7%

Slightly down this week is the Katse Dam which is at 51.2% from 52.2% last week. Katse was 65.4% full this time last year

Although somewhat down this week at 101.6% from 103.5% last week, the Bloemhof is more than 100% full. It was at a mere 18% last year around the same time

As the drought continues in other parts of the country, especially in KwaZulu-Natal on which Gauteng receives some of its water, Gauteng residents are urged to decrease their daily water demand.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is accordingly calling on the public to be considerate by making it their responsibility to save as much water as possible and adhere to water saving tips issued by their respective municipalities.

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