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Slight but noticeable increase in the Integrated Vaal River System

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The dam levels in Gauteng have recorded slight but notable increase as the overall Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) increased by 3.2% to 61.7% this week. The IVRS, which consists of 14 dams mainly serves Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom, had recorded the tenth consecutive week that the system has broken beyond the 50% mark.

The system has notched an increase by 333 million M3 week on week, eclipsing the 58.5% at which it stood this time last year.

While the recent rains do not account for the increase in dam levels, there was a noticeable increase in the Vaal Dam by 6.4% to 59.2 while the Sterkfontein Dam increased by 0.4% to 87%.

The Grootdraai Dam is at 100.6%, recording an increase of 1.8%. The Katse Dam is hovering at 44.2%, after it saw an increase by 2.1%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) reiterates the fact that despite the forecast of above average rainfalls, the water restrictions still remain and that communities should continue to exercise restraint when using water.

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