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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels

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Less rainfall in the past week has decreased South Africa's dam levels by a fraction from 77,9 % last week to 77,5%, according to a weekly dam levels report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

In the Western Cape, however, the province continues to benefit from winter rains as the average provincial dams levels rose this week from 51,0% to 52,5%. However, the Department maintains that water restrictions would not be lifted soon and urged residents to continue to maintain low water usage.

The department will only review the restriction at the end of the hydrological cycle next month. The Theewaterskloof Dam, one of the main six dams that feed Cape Town, has risen from 42,0% to 43,1%. Clanwilliam is at 99,95% whilst Voelvlei is up from 59,9% to 63,3%

In Gauteng the Vaal Dam is at 95,5% this week. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS), consisting of 14 dams and serving mainly Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom decreased slightly from 83,9% to 83,5%. The system was at 79,3% during the same time last year.

Eastern Cape dam levels continue to remain low and the Algoa System with 5 dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay increased slightly from 18,1% to 18,4%. Last year the system stood at 31,8%. Kouga Dam increased from 6,8% to 6,9% this week; Loerie increased from 71,5%, to 96,0%; Groendal increased from 37,8% to 39,2%.

The Amathole System which has six dams that serve East London, decreased from 89,5% last week to 82,6% this week. Laing Dam decreased slightly from 97,0 % to 96,7% this week.

In North West, Ngotwane recorded 62,6% while Hartebeespoort Dam is at 96,7%. Sehujwane Dam decreased from 83,1% to 82,8%.

In KwaZulu-Natal the Umgeni Dam System which boasts five dams that serve eThekweni and Msunduzi in Pietermaritzburg, decreased by one percent from 73,4% to 72,9%. The system recorded 58,3% in the same period last year. Midmar Dam decreased by a fraction from 94,8% to 94,7% while Inanda decreased slightly from 69,7% to 69,3%.

Northern Cape experienced an insignificant increase of 0,1% increase from 88,6% to 88,7% this week. Spitskop Dam decreased slightly from 91,6% to 91,2%.

In Limpopo the average dam levels decreased from 71,7% to 70,7%. Albasini decreased from 84,5% to 84,2%.

In Mpumalanga the average dam levels decreased by a fraction from 78,7% to 78,2%. Witbank remains the same as last week at 99,3%, Middelburg is at 97,6% and Buffelskloof is at 79,1%.

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