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Dam levels in the Northern Cape Province on a weekly rise

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The dam levels in the Northern Cape Province have been on weekly rise for the past two weeks. The levels recorded at 91.6% last week and are currently sitting at 92.8% this week, indicating a 1.2% increase.

The major storage weirs in the province have all increased this week, with only the Spitskop storage weir decreasing slightly from 96.0% last week to 95.1% this week. This time last year the storage weir was at 96.7%.

The Vaalharts storage weir has seen an increase this week and has risen to 82.3% from last week's 77.8%. The storage weir is under the Vaal Water Management Area and supplies water to parts of Northern Cape, Free State and Gauteng.

The Douglas and Boegoeberg storage weirs remain floating above the 100% mark. Douglas storage weir is currently sitting at 109.3%, last week it was at 108.8%, Boegoeberg has risen by 0.4% from last week's 107.6% to this week's 108.0%.

Karee Dam in the province is still lagging behind the other storage weirs and remains under the 5% mark. The storage weir is sitting at 3.1% this week, it was at 3.0% last week and has seen a slight increase of 1%. The dam was at 8.6% this time last year.

Despite the fact that the overall system has seen an improvement over the weeks, the province is still going through the drought and other areas are experiencing a decline.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is therefore encouraging consumers to keep their daily use in check, while it continues to work hard to ensure that the residents of Northern Cape do not run out of water.

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