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Dam levels in the Northern Cape remain satisfactory

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The dam levels in the Northern Cape Province continue to remain satisfactory despite a slight drop of 1.9% from last week. The levels are at 93.0% this week and recorded at 94.2% last week. The dam levels were at 94.9% this time last year.

Although the levels have slightly dropped, the Northern Cape remains ahead of the pack in comparison to its sister provinces that were declared national disasters in March 2018. The Eastern Cape Province this week is sitting at 69.7% while the Western Cape remains below the 20% mark recording a critical 16.6% for the past two weeks.

When delving into the reservoirs in the Northern Cape Province, the weekly dam levels report found that; the Spitskop Reservoir in the Harts River had remained steady over the past two weeks and is sitting at 94.7% this week. The Vaalharts Storage Weir has decreased from 75.8% last week to 73.8% this week. This time last year, the levels were at 82.8%.

Boegoeberg Reservoir is sitting at 129.2% this week; the reservoir was at 134.1% last week, and despite the dip, the levels in the reservoir remain satisfactory. Karee reservoir is still sitting at 0.0%.

The consistent dam levels in the province should however not translate to an indication as a recovery from the drought. Full recovery is only anticipated in three years.

With the winter season looming, water conservation efforts by all citizens becomes pivotal towards ensuring that water demand levels are met by the water resources available in the country.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is urging all water users to use water sparingly, and where possible to reuse grey water.

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