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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dam levels

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Dam levels in South Africa have decreased by an average one percent, according to the weekly report that was released by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). The levels plunged from 80,2% last week to 79,7% this week.

The South African Weather Services (SAWS) has also warned of possible heavy rains that might lead to flooding across parts of the drought-stricken Western Cape. SAWS said heavy rains are expected in places over the Cape Metropole, western parts of the Cape Winelands and western parts of the Overberg District.

Dam levels in the drought-stricken province have increased from 16,7% to 19,0% this week and it remains to be seen what impact the expected downpours will have in the province. The main supplier of the Mother City, Theewaterskloof Dam, is currently at 14,7%, up from 11,8%. Calitzdorp is at 12,1% while Voelvie is at 16,7% up from 14,2%. The expected rains are set to bring 20mm to 30mm over the Cape Metropole, southern Cape Winelands and western Overberg with up to 50mm possible over the mountainous areas. This could result in localized flooding of informal and formal settlements.

In KwaZulu-Natal, dam levels remain the same as last week at 65,9%. Umgeni Dam system which serves five dams serving eThekweni and Msunduzi in Pietermaritzburg, has decreased from 79,3% last week to 78,9%. The system was at 64,2% in the same period last year. Midmar is at 100,0%, a decrease from 100,2%. Albert-Falls is at 55,9% and Inanda decreased from 76,0% to 75,6%.

In Mpumalanga, the dam levels have decreased from 82,1% to 81,9%. Witbank is at 100,7%, while Ohrigstad has increased from 34,9% to 35,0% and Blyderivierpoort decreased from 100,5% to 100,3%.

In the Eastern Cape, the Algoa System which has 5 dams serving Nelson Mandela Bay, dropped from 21,9% to 21,5%. Last year the system was recorded at 38,2%. Kouga is down at 8,6% down from 8,9% last week. Impofu is down at 33,6% from 34,1%; last year at the same time it was at 64,5%. Haarlem is at 50,5% down from 52,0% last week and Groendal is at 44,5% from 45,3% last week.

The Amathole System, with 6 dams serving Buffalo City, decreased from 91,9% to 91,7%. Last year this time the dam stood at 69,6%.

The Vaal Dam is still bursting at the seams despite a one percent drop from 103,0% last week to 102,4% this week. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) decreased by 0,4% from 88,7% to 88,3%. The system was at 84,6% in the same period last year.

In Limpopo Nwanedzi is at 87,2%, Nandoni at 100,9% and Albasini at 87,3%.

The Bloemfontein Integrated System with 4 dams that serve mainly Mangaung, increased by 1,0% from 63,4% to 64,4%. The system was at 50,5% during the same time last year.



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In North West, Molatedi is at 38,9%, a decrease from 39,3% last week .The Crocodile West system which has six dams serving mainly Tshwane, Madibeng and Rustenburg, is at 92,4% this week ,down from 92,5%. The system was recorded at 99,1% last year.

Northern Cape dams dropped slightly this week from 85,7% to 85,6%, a decrease of 0,1%. Spitskop is at 97,8%; it has decreased from 98,6% last week. It was at 99,3% in the same period last year.

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