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Drought still upon Nelson Mandela Metro

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This week, the average dam levels across the province have decreased from 68.8% last week to 68.5%. The provincial average has thus dropped by 0.3%, according to a weekly report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The Algoa Water System with five dams serving the Nelson Mandela Metro (NMM) has a decline week on week and this can be attributed to the lack of rains due to the change of season. This week, the system is at a low level of 22.3%, a decline from 22.9% recorded last week. Under this water system Kouga Dam sitting at 9.3%, Impofu Dam at 34.8% and Krom Dam at 17.2%, an indication that drought is hitting the side of NMM.

This week Amathola Water System, with major dams serving Buffalo City Metro is at 92%. The dams of this system such as Nahoon Dam, Laing Dam and Rooikrantz Dam, are above 90%. The water consumers of Buffalo City Metro will have sufficient water during this season.

The Department of Water and Sanitation is appealing to the communities to adopt water saving measures as we move towards the winter season.

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