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Integrated Vaal River System suffers a slight drop this every week

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly dam report has shown that dam levels in Gauteng are on a decline week on week, with the Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) particularly affected. The figures on all its major dams show a decrease of 0, 5% from last week's 87.6%. This week, the system is merely 87.1% full.

Although the figures look much healthier compared to 83.2% that was recorded during a similar period last year, the system needs a boost soon for it to continue supplying water to the residents of Gauteng Province – and to industries such as Eskom and Sasol that depend on it for their daily operations.

The Vaal Dam is down by 0, 5% to 100.9% this week from 101.4% last week. During a similar period last year it was sitting at 97.6%.

Grootdraai Dam also dropped slightly this week. The dam level is 92.5% compared to 93.5% last week. Last year this time it was sitting at 88.4%.

Sterkfontein was not lucky either, with a slight drop from last week's 95.9% to 95.8% this week – not too bad compared to the same period last year when it was sitting at 90.6%.

The figures at Bloemhof show stability as the levels remain unchanged from the 103.1% recorded last week. A much healthier result compared to last year's 100.9% recorded during a similar period.

On the other hand, Katse and Mohale dams saw a slight decrease from 62.0% and 30.4% to 62.7% and 31.4% this week, respectively. During this period last year, the dams were 40.9% and 64.5% full, respectively.

The Department of Water and Sanitation continues to urge people to use water sparingly and always monitor water usage. Saving water must become part of our daily lifestyle.

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