



MEDIA STATEMENT

DWS Weekly Report Indicates a Rise in Most N. Cape Water Storage Dams

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Water storage in the Northern Cape Province is currently at 124.3 million cubic or 84.4%, an increase from last week's 82.3%. The full storage capacity of the Province is 147.3 million m³.

It should be noted that only the Karee Dam is a storage dam within the Northern Cape. The other dams are used as transient storage and have much smaller capacities than the larger storage dams in other provinces. Hence the levels of these vary from week to week. They are fed from other upstream dams in the Vaal and Orange rivers and water is released from the upstream dams as required.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is currently at 17.197 million m³ or 105.9%. The full supply capacity of the Weir is 16.245 million m³.

Boegoeberg Dam in the Orange River is at 19.502 million m³ or 94.6% this week, with Spitskop Dam in the Harts River at 44.948 million or 77.7%, and the Vaalharts Weir is at 42.434 million m³ or 83.7%

The water level of the Karee Dam in the Northern Cape, which serves Calvinia, is currently at 22.8% - a clear indication of the severity of the drought in the Northern Cape.

Residents of the Northern Cape are urged to continue using water sparingly.

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