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MEDIA STATEMENT

Dams in Eastern Cape at a low

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According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) latest weekly dam level report released on Tuesday, 28 May 2019, the average dam level in the Eastern Cape is at 61.2%.

The Department would like to call all water users to use water sparingly as we enter the winter period when the rains will be hard to come by.

Gcuwa Dam decreased to 19% this week compared to 45.8% last week. An astounding 26.8% decrease within a week. Xilinx Dam which also supplies water to areas in and around Gcuwa continues to decline every week due to a lack of rain. This week it is sitting at 16.3% compared to 17.5% last week. Waterdown Dam which supplies water to Queenstown is at 47.3% compared to 49.3% last week. Bridle Drift Dam which forms part of Amathole Water Supply System is sitting at 43.8% compared to 44.1% last week. Impofu and Loerie Dams that supply water to Nelson Mandela Bay and surrounding areas have shown a slight improvement at 25.9% and 83.9% compared to last week's 25.5% and 79.8% respectively but Kouga Dam is consistently declining because it remains low at 45% compared to 45.7% last week.

The Department appeals to all water users to use water in a responsible manner by reducing water consumption to ensure water security for the current and future generations.

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