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Decline in Water Storage of Northern Cape

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The weekly state of the reservoirs report of the Department of Water and Sanitation indicates a decline in water storage for the Northern Cape from last week's 84% to 81.9% this week. Some storage weirs remain stable while others indicate a decline. As such residents of the Province are urged to continue using water sparingly.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is currently at 16.729 million m³ or 103% maintaining the same water level as last week. The full supply capacity of the Weir is 16.245 million m³.

Boegoeberg Dam in the Orange River is at 20.131 million m³ or 97.7%. Spitskop Dam in the Harts River remains stable maintaining last week's 76.6%. The Vaalharts Weir is at 39.260 million m³ or 77.5% a decline from 83.3% last week.

The water level of the Karee Dam in the Northern Cape, which serves Calvinia, is currently at 20.8%.

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 as water is released from upstream dams.

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