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Hot and wet weather for inland

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South Africa's inland is blowing hot and cold because of the heat wave during the day that is followed by thunderstorms at night.

Gauteng is experiencing a particularly wet week with contrasting high temperatures that go as high as 30 degrees Celsius only to be drenched in showers late at night. The South African Weather Services predicts a wet week until the end of the week for the province.

SAWS has also warned that severe thunderstorms are to be expected over the Highveld areas of Mpumalanga and southern parts of Limpopo . Emalahleni is set to experience heavy downpours in the next few days

However, a weekly report by the National Office of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) indicates that dam levels remain unchanged from last week at 64,2% .

The good news is that dam levels in all nine provinces are above 50% after most parts of the country experienced heavy rainfalls. Despite the state of water, DWS is appealing to citizens to use water sparingly for it sustain the country throughout a dry winter season.

North West Province, which was a source of concern at the end of 2018, has increased its dam levels from 49% to 57,3%. However, it is still below its levels of 2017 when water rose to 68,4%. Potchefstroom Dam has increased from 91,1% to 100,4% ; Boskop increased from 67,1% to 67,3% ; and Taung decreased from 83,8% last week to 83,5%.

In KwaZulu Natal the Umgeni System which comprises of the Albert Falls, Nagle and Inanda dams decreased by a fraction from 55,9% last week to 55,7% .The Inanda Dam decreased from 62,2% to 62,0%, Albert Falls water dam levels decreased from 36,0% to 35,4%; Nagle decreased from 81,2% to 81,0% and Hazelmere has decreased from 47,7% to 45,7%.

The Eastern Cape dam levels have decreased by a fraction from 58,6% to 58,0%. Lake Arthur decreased from 15,0% to 14,1% ; Kat Rivier increased from 82,0% to 82,4% and Nuwejaars is at 25,0%.

The Algoa Water Supply System decreased from 51,2% to 50,4% .Kouga decreased from 51,6% to 50,7% ,Loerie decreased from 47,7% to 44,5% and Impofu decreased from 34,4% to 33,7%.

In the Western Cape dam levels have decreased by 1,1% from 52,5% to 51,4%. The Voelvlei Dam water levels decreased from 81,9% to 80,2%.The Theewaterskloof Dam, has decreased from 49,4% to 48,4%. Calitzdorp has decreased from 8,5% to 8,2% and the Clanwilliam Dam water levels decreased from 66,0% to 63,8% .



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In Gauteng the Vaal Dam increased from 74,0% recorded last week to 75,2%. The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS) increased from 69,2% to 69,7% when compared to the same time last year at 73,2% .

The Free State Province dam levels remain unchanged at 73,4% . Last year during the same time they were recorded at 65,9%. The Northern Cape Province is at 70,6% this week , a decrease of 1% from 71,6% last week. Boegoeberg remains unchanged at 92,0%.

Limpopo Province, which experienced some floods last week, has increased from 59,7% last week to 60,1% this week. Magoebaskloof Dam (Tzaneen) decreased from 100,9% to 100,3% , Hans Merensky Dam (Phalaborwa) decreased from 101,2% to 100,0% and Flag Boshielo (Polokwane) increased from 76,9% to 77,6%.

In Mpumalanga Province dam levels have increased from 66,7% to 67,6% .Witbank has increased from 88,5% to 88,7%, Blyderivierpoort increased from 59,2% to 68,0% and Vygeboom decreased from 101,4% to 101,0% .

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