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MEDIA STATEMENT

Eastern Cape dams continue to decline

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly status of reservoirs report issued this week has indicated that dam levels in the Eastern Cape are on a decline. The report has shown a decline from 58.0% last week to 57.4% in the current week.

This comes as several parts of the province are still experiencing the severe drought effects. Namely, Sarah Baartman, Makhanda, Kouga, Nelson Mandela and Amathole Districts. The Algoa Water Supply System with dams supplying Nelson Mandela Bay areas is sitting at the position of 50.0% this week, compared to 50.4% last week. Kouga Dam is sitting at 49.7% this week, compared to 50.7% last week, Impofu Dam remains at 33.7%, while the Loerie Dam has dropped from 44.5% to 39.2% this week. Meanwhile, the Klipplaat Water Supply System with main dams supplying the Chris Hani District and surrounding areas is standing at 52.7 % this week, compared to 54.8% last week. Boesmanskrantz dam is decreasing at 23.8% this week, compared to 25.1% last week, Oxkraal Dam is sitting at 53.7% this week, compared to 55.4% last week. Settlers Dam serving Makana Local Municipality and surrounding areas is sitting at 14% this month. Xilinxha Dam serving areas of Amathole District Municipality is standing at 25.8% this week, compared to 26.2% in the previous week.

The department is appealing to residents to continue using water sparingly as the province still grapples with the dire effects of drought.

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