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Water Storage in Northern Cape Remains Enough through Winter Season

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Water storage in the Northern Cape Province is currently at 124.7 million cubic or 84.6%. The full water storage capacity of the Province is 147.3 million m³.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is currently overflowing at 16.962 million m³ of water or 104.4%. The full supply capacity of the Weir is 16.245 million m³. There is still no threat to the infrastructure or populace.

Boegoeberg Dam in the Orange River is at 21.652 million m³ of water or 105%, also overflowing this week, with Spitskop Dam in the Harts River at 44.500 million or 76.9%. The Vaalharts Storage Weir is at 41.357 million m³ or 81.6% full.

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

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

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

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