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MEDIA STATEMENT

Water users in Eastern Cape urged to adhere to restrictions

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Eastern Cape dam levels continue to decline due to less than normal rain falls and excessive water use by water users in the province. The average water storage in the province is at 62.4% this week which is a slight decline from last week's 62.8%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is reminding all water users to use water sparingly and stick to the water restrictions imposed by their municipalities. It is even more crucial to save water now as we enter to into the dry season where rains will be hard to come by.

According to this week's dam reports issued by the department, Algoa Water Supply System with dams supplying Nelson Mandela Bay and surroundings areas is struggling this season. Kouga Dam is currently sitting at 45.8% compared from 46.0% last week, and Impofu Dam is at 25.8% this week, compared to 26.1% last week.

Although there are some dams that have shown signs of improvement in Amathole Water Supply System such as Lainge Dam is currently sitting at 100.8%, other dams are declining. Xilinxha Dam declined from 18.0% last week to 17.7% this week. Briggie Drift remains at 44.3% while Sandile Dam dropped from 59.3% last week to 58.6% this week.

Gamtoos Valley and Makhanda regions remain a source of concern for the department, as they continue to have water challenges. However, the Department of Water and Sanitation will continue to work with all the relevant stakeholders in the province to ensure that taps do not run dry.

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