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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Weekly Status of Water Reservoirs in the Northern Cape

06 February 2019

The drought situation in the Northern Cape has not improved. Below normal rainfall was experienced in the winter rainfall regions during May – Sept 2018. Towns within the drought affected areas are still experiencing water shortages.

The situation has been exacerbated by below normal rainfall and extreme heat waves experienced in the summer rainfall regions from Oct 2018 – Jan 2019.

The Full Supply Capacity in the Northern Cape is at 147.3% and the water in storage is at 97.7% down from 101.3% last week.

The Vaal River is at 75.5% and the Orange River at 65.9%.

The dam level at Spitskop on the Harts River is at 40.2%.

The Vaalharts storage weir is at 79.8%, Boegoeberg at 102.9% and the Karee Dam is at 32.7%.

The department is closely monitoring groundwater levels through its groundwater monitoring programme.

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

**End**

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