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Gauteng dams are stable this week

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Gauteng dam levels are stable this week as the province's temperatures gradually rise from freezing conditions.

The dam levels currently sit comfortably at 91.8% this week, and this indicates a slight decline compared to the same time last year when the levels stood at 99.6%.

Almost all the dams in the province are in a good state as some are floating above the 100% full capacity mark, while others are edging close to these impressive levels. Bon Accord Dam has this week recorded 101.8%, defying the effects of winter season whereby dams experience shrinking levels. The dam is currently at the same level as last year at the same period.

Bronkhorstspuit Dam has shown a slight drop from last week's levels, moving from 86.0% last week to 84.6% this week. The dam stood at 100.6% in the same week last year.

Recording a serious downward trend from 98.9% last week to 92.0% this week, Rietvlei Dam is among some of the dams that have worsened week on week.

In contrast, Roodeplaat Dam is currently stable at 97.5%, slightly lower than last week's 98.2%. The dam ranks among those that have remained stable up to now, even during the dry winter season.

As Gauteng is feeling the impact of winter, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) is urging water consumers in the province to be careful in their water use as the next rainfalls are only expected to return in a few months from now.

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