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A Decline Indicated in Water Storage in Northern Cape

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Water storage in the Northern Cape Province is currently at 109.5 million cubic meters, a decline from last week's 123.7 million cubic meters or 84% of the full storage capacity of 146.3 million m³. Residents of the Northern Cape are cautioned to use water sparingly.

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

The water level of the Karee Dam in the Northern Cape, which serves Calvinia, is currently at 16.3% - a clear indication of the severity of the drought in the Northern Cape.

The Douglas Storage Weir in the Vaal River is currently overflowing at 17.593 million cubic meters or 108.3%. The full supply capacity of the weir is 16.245 million meters.

Boegoeberg Dam in the Orange River is at a low 0.132 million cubic meters or 0.6% this week, with Spitskop Dam in the Harts River at 46.999 million meters or 81.3%. The Vaalharts Weir is at 44.646 million meters or 81.3%.

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