



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Eastern Cape dam levels record marginal decrease as wet weather triggers safety warning**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has noted a slight but continued decline in dam levels across the Eastern Cape. As of 09 June 2025, the province's average dam storage has dropped to 81.5%, down from 82.0% the previous week.

While the decrease is marginal, the Department assures the public that water supply to communities remains stable at this stage. Nevertheless, all residents are urged to use water sparingly and adopt responsible consumption practices, particularly as the province faces unpredictable and shifting weather conditions.

The Algoa Water Supply System, which supplies the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, has recorded mixed results. Impofu Dam dropped slightly from 52.2% to 51.9%, and Kouga Dam decreased from 78.5% to 77.6%. In contrast, Loerie Dam saw a significant improvement, rising from 63.1% to 76.1%.

The Amathole Water Supply System continues to perform well at 100.4% full capacity. Laing Dam currently sits at 100.9%, Bridle Drift Dam is above capacity at 101.0%, and Nahoon Dam remains high at 98.2%, despite a slight decrease. Gubu Dam and Wriggleswade Dam remain steady at 100.3% and 100.2%, respectively.

Dam levels in the OR Tambo District are also in good standing. Both Mthatha and Mabeleni Dams are at full capacity, while Corana Dam remains high at 98.3%. Meanwhile, the Nqweba Dam, which supplies Graaff-Reinet, remains consistent at 83.8%.

In light of ongoing snowfall and localised flooding in various parts of the province, the Department issues a strong caution to the public. Members of the public are urged to stay away from rivers, overflowing dams, low-lying bridges, and all water bodies, as these pose serious safety risks due to rising water levels and strong currents.

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Emergency services are on standby, and the public is advised to stay informed through official channels, adhere to safety instructions, and avoid unnecessary travel during hazardous weather.

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