



MEDIA STATEMENT

Eastern Cape dam levels record minimal decrease, residents urged to use water sparingly

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Recent rainfall in parts of the Eastern Cape has brought some relief, though overall dam levels across the province have shown a slight decrease. A weekly dam levels report issued earlier this week by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) shows that provincial storage is currently at 82.6%, down from 83.2% last week. While this indicates some fluctuation, most major dams remain relatively stable, and water resource monitoring continues.

Kouga Dam, which plays a critical role in supplying the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, has shown a marginal increase from 78.6% to 79.2%. Nqweba Dam in Graaff-Reinet also experienced a slight improvement, rising from 91.2% to 91.8%. In contrast, Impofu Dam has decreased from 51.3% to 51.0%, showing no signs of significant recovery.

In the Amathole Water Supply System, Nahoon Dam dropped from 100.1% to 99.9%, while Laing Dam saw a small decrease from 101.2% to 100.9%. Bridle Drift Dam remains at full capacity, recording a level of 104.1% this week.

Further east, the Umtata Dam remains stable at 100.6%, with Mabeleni Dam unchanged at 100.0%. Ntenetyana Dam saw a slight decline from 103.6% to 102.8%.

The Klipplaat Water Supply System continues to show strength and unchanged at last week's 100.3%. Macubeni Dam holds steady at 98.5%, Xonxa Dam remains at 99.9%, Waterdown Dam stays at 100.6%, and Tsojana Dam continues to perform well at 99.7%.

The Department urges all residents to continue using water wisely and sparingly. Communities are also encouraged to report any water infrastructure vandalism or water leaks to their nearest authorities.

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