



MEDIA STATEMENT

Eastern Cape dam levels record minimal decrease

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) reports a slight decline in dam levels across the Eastern Cape Province this week. The latest State of Reservoirs report indicates that the province's overall water storage has decreased marginally from 79.0% last week to 78.8% this week.

The Mzimvubu–Tsitsikamma Catchment Management Area, which supplies water to most parts of the province, is currently at 78.7%, slightly lower than the 78.8% recorded last week. Several major dams in the province have shown decreases over the same period. The Kouga Dam, which supplies water to the Nelson Mandela Bay Metro, declined from 70.5% to 69.9%. Nahoon Dam dropped from 88.5% to 88.1%, Oukraal Dam fell from 97.0% to 96.8%, and Nqadu Dam near Mthatha decreased from 86.7% to 85.7%.

However, some dams have shown positive gains this week. Bridle Drift Dam improved slightly from 93.9% to 94.2%, while Gcuwa Dam increased from 102.0% to 103.9%. Tsojana Dam rose marginally from 99.8% to 99.9%, and Corana Dam is currently at 96.0%, reflecting a healthy storage level.

The Department continues to urge all water users, including municipalities, industries and households, to use water responsibly and adopt water-saving habits as a daily practice. South Africa remains a water-scarce country, and careful management of this limited resource is critical, especially during fluctuating rainfall periods.

The DWS further calls on communities to report any incidents of vandalism, leaks, or illegal water connections that compromise water supply infrastructure. Collective effort and responsible behaviour remain key to ensuring sustainable water security for the province.

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