



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Gauteng dams record minimal decrease, residents urged to continue using water sparingly**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) has released its latest weekly reservoir status report for Gauteng, indicating that the province's overall water storage capacity remains at above average percentages despite the minimal decrease in water volumes. According to the report, the province has experienced a slight decrease from last week's 103.2% to 102.9%.

The Vaal Dam dropped from 119.2% last week to 109.52% this week, as one sluice gate remains open. The inflow into the Vaal Dam has decreased to 195.23 m<sup>3</sup>/s this week, down from 242.70 m<sup>3</sup>/s recorded previously. The current discharge rate stands at 155.03 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Despite this notable decline in inflow, the dam remains at a stable and satisfactory level.

The Integrated Vaal River System (IVRS), a vital water supply network for Gauteng, has recorded a slight decrease in overall water levels, dropping from 107.1% last week to 103.9% this week. Despite this marginal decrease, the dams within the IVRS continue to maintain secure and stable storage levels, ensuring reliable water supply to a significant portion of Gauteng's population.

Among the individual dams, the Sterkfontein Dam registered a modest increase, rising from 100.1% to 100.2%, while the Grootdraai Dam showed a minor decline, moving from 104.7% to 102.9%. In contrast, the Bloemhof Dam experienced a more pronounced decrease, falling from 117.0% last week to 107.6% this week.

Municipalities across Gauteng have reported improvements in water storage levels, strengthened by sustained rainfall in recent weeks. This increased rainfall has also positively influenced transboundary water sources shared with Lesotho. The Katse Dam

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recorded a slight yet notable rise in capacity, increasing from 99.1% to 99.4% this week. Conversely, the Mohale Dam experienced a marginal decrease, dropping from 103.1% to 102.2%.

While the current water situation remains positive, the Department urges all residents, businesses, and industries to continue using water sparingly and responsibly. Sustainable water use is essential to maintaining long-term supply stability, particularly in light of changing weather patterns and growing demand.

The DWS remains committed to vigilant monitoring of water resources and reiterates its call for prudent water use to ensure continued access for all sectors of society.

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