



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### KwaZulu-Natal dam levels remain stable as province approaches winter

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The Department of Water and Sanitation notes that dam levels across KwaZulu-Natal continue to remain stable as the province moves closer to the winter season, despite minor decreases recorded in some major water storage systems.

KwaZulu-Natal's overall dam storage currently stands at 91.1%, a marginal change from 91.2% recorded last week. While this remains lower than the 97.7% recorded during the same period last year, the province's water storage systems continue to be in a relatively healthy state, with many dams still above 90%.

Several of the province's key dams continue to hold strong levels. Midmar Dam was at 96.4% last week to 95.8% this week, while Albert Falls Dam is this week at 97.5% from last week's 98.3%. Last year this time the dam was at 102.2%. Nagle Dam was last week at 91.3% to this week's 93.8%. Spring Grove Dam was at 100.4% last week to 99.0% this week, this time last year the dam was at 100.4%. Inanda Dam was last week at 100.7%, this week the dam is at 100.8%.

Hazelmere Dam recorded a slight decrease from 97.1% to 96.3%. Ntshingwayo Dam also declined from 75.5% to 74.7%, which remains significantly lower than the 94.8% recorded at the same time last year. Spioenkop Dam remains full at 100.0%, while Wagendrift Dam increased slightly to 100.4%.

Goedertrouw Dam is this week at 97.6% from last week's 98.0% from 100.9%. Hluhluwe Dam is this week at 93.9% from last week's 94.6%, last year the dam was at 100.9% this time last year. Klipfontein Dam relatively remained strong at 99.7% for this weeks and last week's dam levels readings.

Although current water storage levels remain encouraging, the Department reminds residents that winter often brings drier conditions and increased pressure on water resources. The

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Department therefore continues to encourage all residents, businesses and water users across the province to use water responsibly and avoid unnecessary wastage.

South Africa remains a water-scarce country, and responsible water use remains essential in protecting this shared resource. Small everyday actions such as fixing leaks, using water sparingly and avoiding waste can make a meaningful difference in securing water supply for communities now and into the future.

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