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A slight increase in dam levels

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The average dam levels nationally increased slightly at 1% and are currently sitting at 53%. This is according to a report that is released on a weekly basis by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

The Western Cape levels have increased by 27.1% over the past seven weeks and are now at 55%. Further increases according to the report can be anticipated as a result of the most recent frontal systems. This is a welcome change and is in keeping with the Western Cape as a winter rainfall area.

KwaZulu-Natal has also seen a slight increase in dam levels. The Umgeni Dam system serving mainly eThekweni and Msinduze this week saw an increase of 0.1%, Hazelmere is at 51.4% an increase of 9.9% week on week and the transfers from the uThongathi River are still taking place.

The Nagel Dam has increased by 3.1% to 68.2% whilst Midmar Dam has increased by 0.4% to 45.7%.

The Cape Town Dams System serving mainly the City of Cape Town, this week increased by 5.7% to 47.8%. The Voelvlei Dam has increased by 6.3% to 51.4%. The Clanwilliam Dam is at 97.3%. Water restrictions will remain in place in the province.

The South African Weather Service has indicated that the seasonal outlook for rainfall is below normal over most of the country for spring except for the western parts but should improve towards summer. Above normal temperature are also expected over the entire country except for the early spring in the west. There will generally be higher than normal minimums for most of the country with the exception of the southern and south-eastern parts.

The Vaal River System serving mainly Gauteng, Sasol and Eskom is steady at 54.8%. The system was at 76.7% at the same time last year.

The report conducted by the Department of Water and Sanitation indicates that although there are still some decreases noted in dam levels, an increase has been observed and the department will continue to monitor about 211 dams on a weekly basis.

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