

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 31 January 2018



Interpretation of the results obtained from water samples collected at the respective sample points (refer map above).

Escherichia coli (E.coli) Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	E.coli counts per 100ml at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	410	11	2,590	29,090	2,420	59	29	488	9,208
Last Week	100	9	< 2,420	57,940	0	88	50	68	12,033	4
Guideline	Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> < 130 counts/100ml			Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> 130 - 200 counts/100ml		Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> 200 - 400 counts/100ml			High risk of gastrointestinal disorders <i>E.coli</i> > 400 counts/100ml	

Blue Green Algae Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	Blue Green algae counts at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	230	26,909	724	4,494	7,240	42,595	7,964	12,670	1,247
Last Week	4,103	64,557	284	1,856	7,723	22,203	14,963	24,857	1,569	45,009
Guideline	Low Risk Blue Green algae < 20,000 cells/ml			Moderate Risk Blue Green algae 20,000 - 100,000 cells/ml			High Risk Blue Green algae > 100,000 cells/ml			

Algal Pigments Predicted nuisance conditions include: Scums & smells	Algal pigments expressed as Chlorophyll-a levels at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	6	13	9	14	19	62	26	54	8
Last Week	19	34	8	16	17	34	14	112	38	44
Guideline	Low Risk Chlorophyll-a < 15ug/l			Moderate Risk Chlorophyll-a 15 - 30ug/l			High Risk Chlorophyll-a > 30ug/l			

* If ingested. X Sample not received / no data available. Reports generated every Friday of the year.

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