

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 6 December 2017



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	147	44	727	> 2,420	> 2,420	1,733	201	X	32,550
Last Week	517	32	8,400	61,310	13,400	70	77	345	35,000	68
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	42	20,151	< 40	724	< 40	121	186	X	7,602
Last Week	< 40	460	127	246	939	1,327	114,151	845	241	182,327
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	6	3	3	4	3	13	X	10
Last Week	12	12	12	9	16	36	98	12	10	129
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.

DISCLAIMER: Although Rand Water has made every endeavour to make an accurate assessment of the parameters described above (based on published South African and international criteria), neither Rand Water, nor any of its officials, shall be responsible for any damage or health related problems that may result due to the use of the Vaal Barrage Reservoir for any purpose.