

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 20 September 2017



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

<i>Escherichia coli</i> (<i>E.coli</i>) Predicted symptoms include: Skin irritations, infections & intestinal disorders*	<i>E.coli</i> counts per 100ml at sample points									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	This Week	140	6	461	1,733	579	34	17	152	72,700
Last Week	120	12	1,046	27,230	866	6	15	2,920	1,203,300	60
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	< 40	362	338	< 40	< 40	845	241	1,931	1,479
Last Week	< 40	121	603	< 40	7,481	< 40	121	241	1,901	121
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	89	50	11	35	83	106	473	79	11
Last Week	74	38	11	4	39	107	65	97	17	682
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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