

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 14 November 2018



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	236	10	238	1,553	161	20	8	9	6,020
Last Week	91	10	105	1,300	488	185	16	144	24,196	16
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	323	5,166	861	187	185	4,090	40,362	646
Last Week	62	55	587	538	72	< 40	< 40	4,521	969	90
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	7	16	9	79	33	6	30	54	196
Last Week	9	2	5	18	38	4	5	58	24	6
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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