

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 27 November 2019



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Not to Scale
● Sample Point

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	517	34	2,420	12,810	100	33	4	4	1,970
Last Week	649	23	866	1,553	4,200	6	4	16	547,500	6
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	215	1,937	1,292	4,198	2,045	2,045	323	1,076
Last Week	323	2,260	287	1,292	5,342	10,440	36,918	51,017	3,982	41,761
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	11	16	18	98	174	43	182	31
Last Week	5	8	11	31	72	45	33	252	73	77
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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