

Quality of Water in the Vaal Barrage Reservoir

Date Sampled 8 August 2018



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

<i>Escherichia coli</i> (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
	108	0	6,970	10,670	105	36	4	770	7,540	435
Last Week	93	9	24,810	10,810	411	48	15	5,980	770,100	249
Guideline	Low risk of gastrointestinal disorders E.coli < 130 counts/100ml		Slight risk of gastrointestinal disorders E.coli 130 - 200 counts/100ml		Significant risk of gastrointestinal disorders E.coli 200 - 400 counts/100ml			High risk of gastrointestinal disorders E.coli > 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
	40	1,569	460	121	362	< 40	179	965	1,448	329
Last Week	80	< 40	177	603	< 40	< 40	< 40	603	1,931	965
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
	2	40	10	9	14	18	29	95	9	22
Last Week	13	46	8	10	12	5	62	173	13	76
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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