

Relevant Information

Medellin, January 17, 2019

In the face of the version disseminated by some media about the alleged discovery of a new sinkhole in the catchment tunnels of the Ituango Hydroelectric Project, EPM clears up the public opinion that:

The assertion about the existence of a new sinkhole in the Ituango hydroelectric project powerhouse is false.

After the closing of gate #2, we were able to identify that the same sinkhole found last December was making a connection between tunnels 1 and 2. This was proven because the airflow required by water to enter through tunnel #1, which is still open, is the same as the one expelled through tunnel #2. Current records show that there is only one sinkhole, already reported.

EPM reported today to the PMU (*Puesto de Mando Unificado* [Unified Command Post]) that all variables are stable. Both the seismographs and the radar that measures the external behavior of the rock mass show stability. Also, compared to what was recorded yesterday at the time of the closing of gate #2, indicators show that vibrations have been reduced by up to 90%.

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As for the Cauca River flows, 470 cubic meters per second are currently entering the system, of which 426 cubic meters per second are discharged from the powerhouse. This means that currently, the water supply to the reservoir is about 45 cubic meters per second, and the level rises at a rate of 2 centimeters per hour. The reservoir must reach a height of 401 meters above sea level in order to resume the spillway operation.

The task of rescuing fish also continues in the Cauca River canyon. The crews, made up of 80 people (including professionals, technicians and artisanal fishermen) have returned 513 fish to the riverbed, and have found 148 dead fish, 140 of which were in the red alert zone where they could not enter and 8 in restricted areas.

We had planned for tomorrow, Friday, to reactivate work on each front of the project, but given the conditions of normality and stability, we decided to newly authorize the different contractors' workers to enter from today at 12 noon.

As for mobility, at 10:00 a.m. today, vehicle caravans were resumed through the project roads. Since yesterday noon, river transfers continue through the reservoir between the La Bruja and El Bombillo, with the La Esperanza Ferry, for cargo and private vehicle transport, and the La Tranquilidad Ferry for the transport of Coonorte buses and motorcycles, at their usual schedules.

The caravan schedule is as follows:

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From El Bombillo to Chirí

4:00 a.m. - 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

From Chirí to El Bombillo

6:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -
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River crossing schedules are the following:

“La Tranquilidad” Ferry - Public Transportation

From 6:00 a.m., even hours, until 4:00 p.m. at El Bombillo pier.

From 7:00 a.m., odd hours, until 5:00 p.m. at La Bruja pier.

“La Esperanza” Ferry - Private individuals and cargo

From 6:00 a.m., even hours, until 4:00 p.m. at La Bruja pier.

From 7:00 a.m., odd hours, until 5:00 p.m. at El Bombillo pier.

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