

Relevant Information

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EPM informs the public opinion:

This morning, workers by the Ituango hydroelectric project powerhouse were evacuated as a preventive measure. This was due to the level of noise registered in the area since last night. This is a standard situation, technically expected, after the closure of Gate No. 2 last January 16.

According to technical information, the water system in the powerhouse is experiencing temporary variations in its levels due to airflow in the caves complex and neighboring tunnels.

This process has been previously registered since the contingency started. This is a domestic situation with no risks for the downstream communities.

Work fronts will be resumed as the system stabilizes and the noise is reduced to an acceptable level for the workers.

The project's Technical Monitoring Center reports that the situation is normal in almost 500 variables that they monitor during 24 hours, among them, the stability of the dam and the rock mass, as well as the reservoir level and the Cauca river flows.

EPM reaffirms that the priority is to safeguard the life in the communities, followed by environment protection and, on the technical side, project recovery.

The message for the community is to follow recommendations provided in the last couple of days, get information from official sources, pay attention to the river's activity and be aware of the evacuation routes.

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