



EPM informs by public announcement:

After inspecting the structure's channels with technical staff, this Friday February 8 from 2:00 p.m., gates 2, 3 and 4 of the Ituango hydroelectric project's spillway began to be opened sequentially, which is anticipated to begin pouring in a safe and controlled manner, without risk to the community, the reservoir's waters at approximately 8:00 p.m., when it reaches a level of 401 meters above sea level (m.a.s.l.).

The future power plant spillway, which is fully operational, has four gates (three were opened this Friday) through which the carried water passes through the same number of channels to a stilling well to stabilize its strength and return it to the Cauca River.

The reservoir will start the drainage with a sheet of water and will gradually increase its stream to normalize the level of the Cauca River for this time of the year.

The spillway has a length of 405 meters and a width between 70 and 95 meters; by way of comparison the soccer field of Atanasio Girardot stadium of Medellín is 110 meters long by 73.5 meters wide, therefore the spillway's channel corresponds to around four soccer fields. In turn, the radial gates measure 15.4 meters wide by 19.5 meters high.

With the project reservoir draining, the Cauca River will recover its flow for a dry season such as the current, which was decreased after the closure of the second door to the powerhouse on the past February 5th, a decision taken to protect the communities located downstream of the dam.

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