



With the operation of the Ituango hydroelectric project spillway, the Cauca River gradually recovers its flow

- **The spillway started its operation on Friday night**

After the Ituango hydroelectric project spillway began operating last Friday night, February 8, with three of its four gates, the indicators for the future power plant have shown normal measurements, according to the EPM Technical Monitoring Center.

The reservoir of the Ituango hydroelectric project's level reached 401 meters above sea level (m.a.s.l.) at 8:01 p.m. on Friday, and began to discharge in a safe and controlled manner through the structure designed for this purpose.

At noon this Saturday February 9, the level of the reservoir is located at the height 401.83 m.a.s.l, the flow rate of the spillway is 64.07 m³/s and the discharge of the project is 94.07 m³/s. With these indicators the River Cauca begins to gradually stabilize its flow, as well:

- **Olaya Flow:** 466.69 m³/s
- **Puerto Valdivia Flow:** 80.53 m³/s
- **Margento Flow:** 119.39 m³/s.

It is important to remember that the flow of the Cauca River will gradually increase this weekend until reaching its usual level for this time of year, which is generally dry. Therefore, EPM requests communities located downstream of it to take into account:

- ✓ The spillway does not represent a risk for communities. However, it is important that those who live or are on the banks of the Cauca this weekend, to pay special attention to the authorities and their indications.
- ✓ The River Cauca will begin to rise slowly. Therefore, it is important not to go into the river or get close to its banks.



- ✓ The river's flow will increase little by little until reaching a common level for this time of year and very similar to the one that the inhabitants of the Lower Cauca observed a week ago, before the closing of the second intake gate. However, should any sudden change be observed, it is important to notify the evacuation leaders of the community, who will inform the Municipal Council of Disaster Risk Management.
- ✓ While the operation is stabilized, activities such as: skimming, fishing or transport in the waters of the Cauca River should be avoided.
- ✓ In case of any event, it is advisable to keep a fully charged cell phone (battery and minutes) to receive and make calls or urgent text messages, if necessary.
- ✓ It is recommended to keep yourself informed through the local stations and the official messages issued by the Mayor of each municipality, the Administrative Department of the System for the Prevention, Attention and Recovery of Disasters (Departamento Administrativo del Sistema para la Prevención, Atención y Recuperación de Desastres, DAPARD), the Red Cross, the firemen and EPM (@epmestamosahi).
- ✓ In order not to cause confusion, we ask that only information and content that comes from official sources is shared on social networks and in person-to-person conversations.
- ✓ Remember which is the designated meeting point for your community and share it with your family. If you do not know, the community leaders will provide you with the information.
- ✓ Keep the "life kit" at hand to take in case of an evacuation.

Should you have any concerns you can call the EPM service line at 018000413825.

EPM continues with all its expert personnel deployed in the area to accompany the community, advance environmental work and inform the public.

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