



## **EPM informs the public opinion:**

Since the level of the Ituango Hydroelectric Project reservoir decreased 405 meters above sea level (m.a.s.l.), last December 21, it was necessary to close the spillway gates, a procedure controlled by EPM and safely carried out for those communities located downstream from the dam.

If the spillway keeps working in that dimension, the waterfall is minimal and affects the infrastructure's berms. For this reason, it has been decided that after reaching 405,50 m.a.s.l., the spillway would be reopened. However, due to the levels brought along by the Cauca river during the past few days, the reservoir did not reach that dimension and went down. Today is at 404,75 m.a.s.l. and it is very possible that it will remain that way since Colombia is very close to summertime.

In the past few days, the river's average flow was 720 m<sup>3</sup>/s, less than the 780 m<sup>3</sup>/s discharge by the machinery room, so the reservoir level is usually lower. If the river's average flow keeps going down and the machinery room discharge remains at the previously mentioned levels (780 m<sup>3</sup>/s), the reservoir will keep going down and there won't be any spillway until the next winter season.

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