



## water & sanitation

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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Free State dam levels decreases

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Dam levels in the Free State province have this week decreased from 80.6 % last week to 80.1% this week. Water levels in the province have recorded an improvement compared to 55.0% during the same period last year.

This is according to the dam level report that was issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Tuesday, 15 August 2017.

The Bloemfontein System, with four (4) dams serving mainly Mangaung, is also decreasing namely: Krugersdrift from 43.0% to 42.8% currently, Rustfontein rose from 30.0% to 30.4% currently, Knellpoort from 54.5% to 52.5% while Welbedacht appreciated from 18.2 to 42.0% currently.

On the other hand dams such as Tierpoort currently at 4.8%, Kalkfontein currently at 12.6% and Groothoek currently at 16.7% still remain below 20%.

Residents should bear in mind that water restrictions in the province will continue being implemented until the dam levels are satisfactory.

DWS would like to urge water users to continue using water sparingly and save every little drop.

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