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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Free State dam levels slight decrease

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Dam levels in Free State have this week dropped by 0.2 % compared to last week. Even though there is a slight dip week on week, the levels in the province have recorded an improvement compared to 53.7% during the same period last year.

This week's dam levels report show significant improvement with some dams in the province reaching their capacity for the first time in a long time.

The Bloemfontein System, with four (4) dams serving mainly Mangaung, are decreasing slightly namely: Krugersdrift moved from 49.3% to 43.0%, Rustfontein from 34.8% to 33.9%, Knellpoort from 58.8% to 57.9% while Welbedacht showed some improvement from 55.8% to 78.8 .

Concerning dams in the province such as Tierpoort is sitting at 5.7%, Kalkfontein at 12.9% and Groothoek at 17.4% remaining below 20% full.

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. Not forgetting that we are entering winter period with no or minimal rain.

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