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### MEDIA STATEMENT

#### Free State dam levels slightly drops

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Dam levels in Free State have this week slightly decreased by 0, 5%, from 86,5% last week to 86% this week. However, water levels in the province have shown improvement as compared to 53% around this time last year.

This is according to the dam level report that was issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) on Monday, 03 April 2017. Many dams have shown significant improvement with some dams in the province reaching their capacity for the first time in a long time.

Dams such as Vaal, Bloemhof, Saulspoort and Welbedacht have all reached full capacity while dams such as Tierpoort, Kalkfontein and Groothoek remain below 20%.

Residents should bear in mind that water restrictions in the province will continue being implemented until the drought is over.

DWS would like to urge water users to continue using water sparingly and save every little drop. Winter season is fast approaching, given historical rain patterns dam levels are not expected to rise during this period.

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