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Mpumalanga dam levels continue on the decline mode

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to encourage the communities in the Mpumalanga Province to continue using water wisely as the dam levels continue to decline meaning less water is available. Water conservation is crucial for sustainable water supply as the water levels in our dams and rivers continue to decrease week after week.

According to the DWS weekly state of reservoirs report of 18 September 2017 shows that the average level of storage of dams in the Mpumalanga Province decreased from last week's 73.1% to 72.7%.

The majority of dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded decreases in dam levels with only the Loskop, Driekoppies and Vygeboom dams showing slight increases. Loskop Dam increased from 95.4% to 95.5%, Driekoppies Dam increased from 44.4% to 46.0% and Vygeboom Dam increased from 87.1% to 87.9%.

Although most dams are currently in a satisfactory position, there are still some dams recording very low water levels, such as the Driekoppies Dam currently at 46.0%.

The current dam levels and the continuing decline calls for the intensification of the water conservation initiatives to ensure that we do not run short of water supply as the rain doors still seem to be shut.

Let us use water wisely, putting in our minds that there is no substitute for water.



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