



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels continue to decrease

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Water levels in Mpumalanga dams continue to decrease as the weather continues to heat up and rain is scarce. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 30 October 2017, the dam levels decreased by 0.60% from 69.5% last week to 68.9% as recorded on Monday, 30 October 2017. Water levels in the Water Management Areas (WMA) also decreased, with the Olifants WMA decreasing from 66.6% to 66.0% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA decreased from 68.3% to 67.7%.

The majority of the dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded declines in water levels with the exception of Witbank Dam which increased slightly in water volumes from last week's 98.1% to 98.6%, Vygeboom Dam which increased from 83.7% to 84.4% and Da Gama Dam which increased from 73.7% to 74.5%.

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 and less water becomes available every week. Water conservation is crucial for sustainable water supply as the water levels in our dams and rivers continue to decrease week after week.



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The current dam levels and the continuing decline call for a united effort from all to conserve and use the available water sparingly to ensure that we do not run short of water supply as good rain is still elusive. Let us use water wisely and always remember that water has no substitute.

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