



MEDIA STATEMENT

Rain brings no major changes to dam levels in Mpumalanga

10 October 2017

The recent rains that befell most parts of the Mpumalanga Province from last weekend have brought no major changes to the dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province as the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 09 October 2017 shows that the average level of storage of dams in the Mpumalanga Province slightly decreased from last week's 70.9% to 70.8% as recorded on Monday.

The report also shows that the water levels in the Olifants and Inkomati-Usuthu Water Management Areas (WMAs) slightly decreased in the same period, with the the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA decreasing from last week's 69.6% to 69.4% this week and the Olifants WMA remaining unchanged at 67.3%.

The majority of the dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded decreases in water levels with only a few recording some slight increases. The only dams that recorded slight increases in water levels are the Nooitgedacht, Vygeboom, Jericho, Loskop and Witbank Dams. The Nooitgedacht Dam increased from 87.1% to 87.8%, Vygeboom Dam increased from 85.0% to 85.8%, Jericho Dam increased from 68.7% to 69.8%, Loskop Dam increased from 91.3% to 91.8% and Witbank Dam increased from 98.5% to 99.0%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to emphasise the importance of water conservation and encourage the public to continue using water wisely and sparingly even as we receive this much needed rain in our water scarce country. We also need to take into consideration that there are still dams with water levels below 50% such as the Driekoppies Dam which decreased from 42.8% to 42.4%

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