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Dam levels in the Highveld continue to decline

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 01 October 2018 recorded a continuous decline in water levels in the listed dams in the Highveld region of the Mpumalanga Province.

In the Olifants catchment in the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam decreased from 95.2% to 95.1%, Middelburg Dam decreased from 92.7% to 91.5% and Loskop Dam dropped from 92.1% to 90.9%. The entire Olifants water management area (WMA) recorded a drop from 65.0% to 64.2% which is lower than the same time last year.

On the Gert Sibande District side under the Vaal and Usuthu catchments, Grootdraai dam decreased from 81.7% to 81.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 87.9% to 87.3%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 85.8% to 85.5%, Morgenstond Dam decreased from 77.3% to 76.2%, Jericho Dam decreased from 70.1% to 69.8% and the Westoe Dam remained unchanged at 50.0%.

The only dam that recorded a slight increase is the Vygeboom Dam that increased from 91.7% to 93.6%.

DWS would like to encourage the public to continue using the available water wisely and in a more conservative manner as the mercury increases and the scarcity of rain persists.

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