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MEDIA STATEMENT

Average water levels are now stable in Mpumalanga

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The Mpumalanga Province recorded no change with regard to average water levels in the past week. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 07 May 2018, the average water levels in the listed dams in Mpumalanga remained unchanged at 82.5%. Water levels in the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area (WMA) remained unchanged at 82.2%, while water levels in the Olifants catchment recorded a slight decrease from 74.8% to 74.7%.

The majority of dams in the Ehlanzeni District recorded some increases in water volumes except for the Witklip, Klipkopies and Inyaka dams which recorded slight declines. Witklip Dam recorded a slight decrease from 100.3% to 100.2%, Klipkopies Dam decreased from 81.8% to 79.1% and Inyaka Dam dropped from 79.5% to 79.4%.

Driekoppies Dam increased from 65.8% to 66.4%, Longmere Dam increased from 70.2% to 82.3%, Primkop Dam increased from 94.5% to 100.2%, Kwena Dam increased from 72.3% to 72.9% and Da Gama Dam increased from 85.6% to 86.9%.

In the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam levels increased from 99.9% to 100.3%, Middelburg Dam increased from 97.0% to 97.5% and Loskop Dam remained unchanged at 100.4%.

All the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District recorded slight decreases in water volumes. The Grootdraai Dam decreased from 99.9% to 99.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 98.1% to 97.1%, Vygeboom Dam decreased from 100.6% to 100.5%, Jericho Dam decreased from 91.1% to 90.7%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 88.8% to 88.5%, Westoe Dam decreased from 78.4% to 77.0% and the Morgenstond Dam decreased from 81.1% to 80.9%.



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The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to encourage the public to continue using water wisely and in a conservative manner as we enter the dry winter season, as South Africa remains a water scarce country.

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