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# MEDIA STATEMENT

## Dam levels decline trend continues in Mpumalanga

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The declining dam levels trend is continuing in the Mpumalanga Province. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 19 November 2018, the average dam levels dropped from last week's 69.5% to 68.6%. Water levels in the water management areas also continue to decrease with the Olifants Catchment decreasing from 60.2% to 59.4% and the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment dropping from 71.4% to 70.6%. This continuous drop in water levels has been recorded week after week and this calls for every water user to pay careful attention and intensify water conservation initiatives.

The listed major dams in the three districts of the province recorded declines in water volumes. In the Ehlanzeni District, Driekoppies Dam dropped from 63.4% to 62.7%, Witklip Dam dropped from 76.2% to 75.8%, Inyaka Dam dropped from 63.1% to 62.2%, Da Gama Dam dropped from 66.7% to 65.9%, Kwena Dam decreased from 48.7% to 46.4%, Blyderivierpoort Dam dropped from 50.3% to 47.6%, Klipkopjes Dam dropped from 53.0% to 47.2%, Primkop Dam dropped from 38.7% to 34.8%. The Longmere Dam recorded an increase from 64.4% to 73.7%.

All the major dams in the Nkangala District recorded declines in water volumes. Witbank Dam decreased from 92.2% to 90.9%, Middelburg Dam decreased from 91.3% to 90.0% and Loskop Dam decreased from 87.0% to 85.8%.

In the Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 78.4% to 77.7%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 91.8% to 91.4%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 94.7% to 93.7%, Heyshope Dam dropped from 83.1% to 82.5%, Westoe Dam dropped from 50.0% to 49.7%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 68.4% to 67.2%. The Jericho Dam slightly improved from 70.8% to 70.9%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to remind the public that South Africa is a water scarce country and that we all have to use the available water wisely and to strengthen water conservation.



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