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Dam levels increase considerable in Free State

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The recent dam levels report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation shows an increase in the national water storage from 65.5% last week to 70.6% this week.

The Free State province recorded a considerable increase of 7.1% in its water levels this week, improving from 73.2% last week to 80.3% this week.

This is a welcomed relief as most dams in the province have been decreasing rapidly over the last few weeks, something that was becoming a concern.

Krugersdrift Dam increased from 36.6% last week to 47.9% this week. Bloemhoff last week was at 73.5% and currently at 78.2%, Erfenis increased to 49.6% this week from 55.0% last week. Koppies last week was at 70.2% currently at 103%, while Gariiep and Vanderkloof remain above 60%.

Although, dam levels have shown improvement this week, the Department of Water and Sanitation would like to remind the members of the public that drought effects are still being felt in most parts of the country, therefore they must continue using water wisely.

We urge every water user to heed this call and not waste our water resources as we are moving towards winter season. It is everyone's responsibility to conserve our water resources for generations to come.

Due to heavy rains experienced lately the community members are advised to take precautions when crossing rivers.

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