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Mixed reaction to weekend rainfall in Gert Sibande District dams

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The listed dams in the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province reported mixed reactions to the weekend rainfall. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 22 October 2018, the Nooitgedacht and Vygeboom dams recorded slight increases in water levels with Nooitgedacht Dam increasing from 90.0% to 91.2% and Vygeboom Dam increasing from 93.7% to 94.8%.

The other dams continued to decline in water volumes. Grootdraai Dam dropped from 80.2% to 79.7%, Jericho Dam dropped from 70.5% to 70.4%, Heyshope Dam dropped from 84.9% to 84.5%, Westoe Dam dropped from 50.0% to 49.9% and Morgenstond Dam recorded a decrease from 73.6% to 72.1%.

As South Africa is a water scarce country and continues to receive below average rainfall, the Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public to take water conservation seriously and ensure that the little available water is used in a wise and efficient manner to ensure access for all.

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