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Mpumalanga Province records slight drop in water levels

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The Mpumalanga Province recorded a slight 0.1% average decrease in water levels in the listed dams as recorded in the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 21 May 2018. The water levels in the Provincial dams decreased from 82.2% to 82.1% and the water levels in the water management areas recorded mixed results, with the Olifants catchment decreasing from 74.3% to 74.1% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment slightly increasing from 82.0% to 82.3%.

In line with the slight increase in the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment, the majority of dams in the Ehlanzeni District also recorded slight increases. Driekoppies Dam increased from 66.8% to 67.4%, Da Gama Dam increased from 78.2% to 85.5%, Inyaka Dam increased from 79.0% to 79.1%, Kwena Dam increased from 73.1% to 73.7%, Klipkopies Dam increased from 78.9% to 90.3% and the Witklip Dam increased from 100.1% to 100.3%. The Longmere Dam decreased from 78.9% to 76.4%.

The levels of water in dams in the Gert Sibande District continue to decrease with only the Heyshope Dam recording a slight 0.1% increase from 88.8% to 88.9%. The Vygeboom and Morgenstond dams recorded unchanged water volumes at 100.4% and 80.7% respectively. Jericho Dam decreased from 90.1% to 89.8%, Westoe Dam decreased from 75.0% to 74.1%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 96.1% to 95.8%, and the Grootdraai dam decreased from 98.4% to 97.1%.

In the Nkangala District, only the Middelburg Dam recorded a decrease, dropping from 98.1% to 94.9%. The Witbank Dam increased from 100.5% to 100.6% and the Loskop Dam increased from 100.2% to 100.3%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to urge the public to use the available water in our reservoirs wisely as we enter the dry winter season. Water conservation is crucial to ensure reliable water supply and water security in our dry and water scarce country.

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