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Nkangala District dam levels continue to drop

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 22 October 2018 shows that the water levels in the listed dams in the Nkangala District of the Mpumalanga Province continue to drop. The drop is a reflection of the continuing decrease in the province's water storage, which recorded a provincial average drop from 71.7% to 71.3%.

The Olifants catchment which supplies the major dams in the Nkangala District also recorded a drop from 62.4% to 61.9% in line with the decrease in the dam levels. Witbank Dam dropped from 94.6% to 94.2%, Middelburg Dam dropped from 94.5% to 91.7% and Loskop Dam dropped from 88.0% to 87.0%. The drop in water levels despite the weekend rains requires all the citizens to work together and strengthen their water conservation initiatives.

The continuing drop in water levels on a weekly basis calls for the intensification of water conservation and wise and efficient water use initiatives. DWS also reminds the public that South Africa is a water scarce country and climate change is negatively affecting the rainfall patterns and the country is receiving less water than in the past, so it is critical to save and use the little available water in a more efficient and wise manner to ensure water security for the current and future generations.

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