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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Nkangala District records decline in dam levels**

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The Nkangala District of the Mpumalanga Province recorded a decline in water levels in the major dams of the District. This is in contrast to the Provincial average which recorded a slight increase from 81.0% to 81.3% and the Olifants Catchment which increased from 69.9% to 73.4%, as recorded in the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 02 April 2018.

The volume of water in the Middelburg Dam decreased from 95.5% to 93.6% which is still better compared to the same time last year when it was at 63.1% and the Loskop Dam decreased from 104.4% to 102.2% which is also better than the same time last year when it recorded 89.0%. The Witbank Dam remained unchanged at 100.7% which is also less than the same time last year when it recorded 100.9%.

The public is encouraged to continue using water wisely and conservatively and to report and fix any leaks to ensure that we do not lose any valuable water. Always remember that water has no substitute and a drop lost is a great loss to our water scarce country.

As we move towards the dry winter season, it is critical that we use the average water in storage in a wise and conservative manner to ensure that everyone has access to the crucial drop water until the next rainy season. We must always remember that South Africa is a water scarce country and one of the driest countries in the world.

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