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Water levels in Free State dropping week on week

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Dam levels in Free State this week are at 65.0%, showing a 1% decrease from last week's 66,0 %. Water levels in the province seem to be dropping week on week.

According to the weekly report issued by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), most of the dam levels are decreasing sharply by day. This seems to be a national trend and it is fast becoming a worrying factor.

Some dams in the province are currently below 20%. These include Tierpoort Dam, currently at 0.3%; Kalkfontein, 9.2%, Krugersdrift, 5.1% and Groothoek which stands at 12.6%; whilst others are above 50%, namely Gariep 53.6%, Sterkfontein 94.1% and Vanderkloof 58.3%.

The department would like to warn residents to remember that water restrictions in the province will not be lifted until the dam levels are satisfactory. That does not seem likely anytime soon due to currently low water levels and a lack of rain.

DWS urges water users to continue using water sparingly and save every little drop.

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