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## Water levels in Gert Sibande District dams continue to drop

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All the listed dams in the Gert Sibande District of Mpumalanga recorded declines in water levels over the past week.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 07 May 2018, the Grootdraai Dam decreased from 99.9% to 99.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam decreased from 98.1% to 97.1%, Vygeboom Dam decreased from 100.6% to 100.5%, Jericho Dam decreased from 91.1% to 90.7%, Heyshope Dam decreased from 88.8% to 88.5%, Westoe Dam decreased from 78.4% to 77.0% and the Morgenstond Dam decreased from 81.1% to 80.9%.

As we enter the dry winter season, DWS would like to urge the public to use the available water in a wise and conservative manner. Let us always remember that South Africa is a water scarce country and water conservation is a priority for water security and a sustainable future.

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