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Water levels in Lowveld dams continue to decline

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 10 September 2018 shows that water levels in the listed dams in the Lowveld in the Ehlanzeni District continue to decrease.

Driekoppies Dam dropped from 67.8% to 67.5%, Longmere Dam dropped from 69.3% to 58.5%, Witklip Dam dropped from 90.5% to 89.2%, Primkop Dam dropped from 78.7% to 75.4%, Kwena Dam dropped from 69.5% to 68.3%, Da Gama Dam dropped from 76.6% to 74.5% and Inyaka Dam recorded a dropped from 71.4% to 70.8%. Only the Klipkopjes Dam recorded a slight increase from 68.4% to 68.6%.

The decline in water levels is line with the decline on average in the Mpumalanga listed dams and the catchment areas. The average for the Mpumalanga Province dropped from 76.4% to 75.7% and water levels in the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment dropped from 77.7% to 77.1% and the Olifants catchment dropped from 67.5% to 66.9%.

DWS urges the public to monitor their water use and ensure that the available water is used wisely and in a conservative manner to ensure the security of supply for the benefit of all.

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