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Dam levels decline in Free State

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Dam levels in Free State have decreased slightly this week, recording a decline of 1.2% from 83.3% last week to 82.1% this week. However, this is an improvement as compared to 70.8% during the same period last year..

Although the dams have shown a level of stability, the Department of Water and Sanitation would like to remind water users to use water sparingly and adhere to water restrictions imposed by their respective municipalities. One other important factor to keep in mind is that 20% of water restrictions are still being implemented in the Mangaung Metropolitan area.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) records dam levels across the country regularly in order to take informed decisions when it comes to distribution of water to relevant dams for consumption by communities. The current decline in dam levels can be attributed to lower than normal rainfalls and the heat wave that is experienced in most parts of the province.

Kalkfontein Dam is currently sitting at 27.4%. Sterkfontein is at 94.5%, Gariep Dam is sitting at 80.2% and Krugersdrift Dam is at 60.6%. Groothoek Dam decreased from 46.5% last week to 47.0% this week. Rustfontein Dam decreased from 29.2% last week to 30.6% which is slightly better than 27.7% where it was last year the same time. This week, Fika Patso Dam remains above average at 55.0%.

The Department appeals to communities, including businesses across the spectrum to use the resource with extra care. DWS appeals to communities to fix leaks and burst pipes in and around their homes. Pipe burst from the main line should be reported to the local municipality.

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