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Dam levels in Free State slightly stable

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Dam levels in the Free State reflect a slight decrease from 52.7% last week to 52.6% this week. The level appears to be slightly stable week on week, thus the need for critical behavioural changes in water use, taking into consideration the latest heat wave sweeping across the country triggering evaporation in most dams.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly dam level monitoring report from Tuesday 13 February 2019, major dams' levels are slightly decreasing instead of increasing, raising a concern to both DWS and Water Service Providers (WSP) in the country generally.

Groothoek Dam is at 34.4% as against 36.4% last week; Rustfontein Dam is currently at 24.4% same as last week at the same time. Bloemhoff Dam is currently at 56.1% compared to last week's 56.7%. Fika-Patso Dam is at 37.2%, the same as last week. This is followed by Welbedacht Dam at 100%, same as last week. Kruger Drift Dam stands at 36.2%, slightly up from 36.1% as at last week.

Being "Water wise" should remain in our minds and consciences at all times. As citizens of South Africa, we need to always remember that not all rain experienced falls within our water catchment areas, hence the low dam levels registered even with the recent rains.

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