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## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Dams reach full capacity in Free State

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After the recent rain downpours that fell across the province, Free State dam levels had a significant increase to 86.7% this week from 78.9% last week. The Department of Water and Sanitation in the province is pleased by the increase especially now that we are moving towards the dry season.

However, the Department would like to urge water users to not to get ahead of themselves and starting using water recklessly. Water users are advised to use water in a responsible manner and adhere to water restrictions.

Gariep Dam increased to 100.67% this week from last week's 94.1%. Also on the increase is Vanderkloof Dam, moving from 68.1% last week to 71.13%. Krugersdrift Dam increased massively, from 83.87% last week to 101.3% capacity. Bloemhoff Dam reached full capacity recording 102.34%, a major increase from 58.37% last week.

"The Department of Water and Sanitation urge community members to be extra vigilant around riverbanks as they may be dangerous leading to drowning fatalities. Riverbanks can be slippery and crumble, especially after rain. Don't walk too close to the river's edge, especially on the outside banks of bend. These are often where the fastest waters are and could be prone to collapse", warned Dr Tseliso Ntuli Regional Head Water and Sanitation Free State.

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