



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga continues to record declines in water volumes

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The Mpumalanga Province continues to record declines in water volumes with the average water levels in storage dropping from last week's 71.0% to 70.6%, as recorded on the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 08 July 2019. The report also shows that water levels in the water management areas also continue to drop with the Olifants water management area dropping from last week's 59.7% to 59.3% and the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area recording a drop from last week's 74.4% to 73.9%.

Even though the majority of the listed dams recorded declines in water volumes, Witbank Dam in the Nkangala District recorded a slight improvement from last week's 84.5% to 85.7% ~~and in~~ the Ehlanzeni District, Longmere Dam recorded a slight increase from last week's 66.4% to 67.1%, Klipkopjes Dam slightly increased from last week's 42.3% to 42.7% and Primkop Dam increased from last week's 20.7% to 23.6%.

Most of the dams in the Ehlanzeni District continue to decline in water volumes. Blyderivierpoort Dam dropped from 95.6% to 94.2%, Driekoppies Dam dropped from 73.8% to 73.5%, Witklip Dam dropped from 94.2% to 92.7%, Kwena Dam dropped from 55.8% to 55.2%, Inyaka Dam dropped from 65.2% to 64.2% and Da Gama Dam remained unchanged at 69.3%.





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In the Nkangala District, Middelburg Dam dropped from last week's 91.1% to 90.4% and Loskop Dam dropped from last week's 89.3% to 88.9%.

In the Gert Sibande District, all the listed dams continue to drop in terms of water volumes. Grootdraai Dam dropped from 70.3% to 69.9%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 88.8% to 88.5%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 100.0% to 99.4%, Jericho Dam dropped from 62.5% to 62.2%, Westoe Dam dropped from 67.7% to 67.3%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 53.9% to 52.4% and Heyshope Dam dropped from 84.9% to 84.4%.

With the water levels continuing to drop, the Department of Water and Sanitation encourages the public and all water users to be more water wise and continue using the available water in a more conservative manner, especially as winter is a dry season in the Mpumalanga Province. Conservative water is critical for water security in our water scarce country as water has no substitute.

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