



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga dam levels slightly increase but the Olifants catchment drops

23 April 2019

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 22 April 2019 shows that the average dam levels of the Mpumalanga Province increased from 74.5% to 74.7% over the week. In as much as the water levels increased on average, water levels in the Olifants catchment dropped from 64.0% to 63.8%, whilst the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment recorded an increase from 76.8% to 77.3%.

In the Ehlanzeni District, Witklip, Kwena and Inyaka dams recorded improvements in water levels, with Witklip Dam increasing from 100.4% to 100.5%, Kwena Dam increasing from 54.5% to 55.6% and Inyaka Dam increasing from 67.7% to 68.0%. Blyderivierpoort and Da Gama dams recorded declines in water volumes, with Blyderivierpoort Dam dropping from 100.6% to 100.3% and Da Gama Dam dropping from 75.8% to 75.3%. Driekoppies, Longmere, Klipkopjes and Primkop dams remained unchanged from last week's levels.

In the Nkangala District, there were no changes in water volumes in the Witbank and Middelburg dams, with Witbank Dam remaining unchanged at 88.4% and Middelburg Dam unchanged at 94.7%. Loskop Dam recorded a slight increase from 91.6% to 91.8%.

In the Gert Sibande District, Vygeboom, Westoe and Heyshope dams recorded increases in water volumes. Vygeboom Dam increased from 95.4% to 101.2%, Westoe Dam increased from 68.4% to 69.2% and Heyshope Dam increased from 87.4% to 88.0%. On the decline mode, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 81.0% to 80.5%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 95.3% to 94.4%, Jericho Dam dropped from 68.9% to 68.0% and Morgenstond Dam dropped from 66.3% to 65.6%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would to emphasize the importance of water conservation and encourage the public to use the available water wisely as we enter the dry water season in the Mpumalanga Province.





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The Department would also like to remind the public to heed the weathers report warning and be safe during rainy days as the heavy rains nowadays are usually coupled with flooding.

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