



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels drops to 65.2%

04 September 2019

The Mpumalanga Province continues to record declines in water volumes with the latest Department of Water and Sanitation weekly state of reservoirs report of 02 September 2019 showing a drop from last week's 66.2% to 65.2% as recorded on Monday. The report also shows that water levels in the water management areas also continue to decline, with the Olifants water management area dropping from 55.2% to 54.5% and the Inkomati-Usuthu water management area dropping from 69.8% to 69.1%.

Even though the Provincial water levels are still above the 50% mark, there are areas and dams that are critically below the 50% mark and dropping week on week.

In the Ehlanzeni District, Primkop Dam is unchanged at 16.3%, Klipkopjes Dam further dropped from 34.1% to 33.6% and the crucial Kwena Dam also further dropped from 48.7% to 47.4%.

In the Nkangala District, the majority of the listed dams are still above 80% with only the Rhenosterkop Dam which supplies communities in the Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka local municipalities critically low and dropping further from last week's 1.4% to 1.3%.

The Jericho Dam in the Gert Sibande District recorded a slight increase from 62.6% to 64.1% and the rest of the dams dropped in water volumes. Morgenstond Dam which is below 50% further dropped from 42.3% to 41.1%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to appreciate all those who are going the extra mile in conserving the little water that is available and further encourage everyone to make water conservation and wise use a priority as water is life and has no substitute.

End

Issued by the Department of Water & Sanitation



Department of Water and Sanitation South Africa



DWS_RSA



water & sanitation

Department:
Water and Sanitation
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



For more information contact Sputnik Ratau, Spokesperson for the Department of Water and Sanitation on 082 874 2942

For media releases, speeches and news visit the Water & Sanitation portal at:
www.dwa.gov.za



Department of Water and Sanitation South Africa



DWS_RSA