



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Mpumalanga water levels on the decline

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) would like to urge water users and the public to use the available water sparingly, as water levels in Mpumalanga Province are on the decline mode after recording consecutive weeks of improvements in the month of April. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation weekly state of reservoirs report of 13 May 2019, the average water levels in the Province recorded a 0.4% drop from last week's 74.6% to 74.2%. The water management areas also recorded declines in water volumes, with the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment recording a decrease from 77.4% to 77.2%; and the Olifants catchment dropping from 63.4% to 63.1%.

As much as water levels are dropping on average in Mpumalanga, the Ehlanzeni District recorded some improvements in some dams, with the Longmere Dam increasing from 58.2% to 68.3% and the Kwena Dam increasing from 56.7% to 57.1%. Blyderivierpoort Dam dropped from 100.3% to 99.8%, Klipkopjes Dam dropped from 50.5% to 49.5%, Primkop Dam dropped from 25.4% to 22.3%, and Inyaka Dam recorded a decline from 68.0% to 67.7%. Driekoppies, Witklip and Da Gama dams remained unchanged from last week's recordings, with Driekoppies Dam not moving from the 75.4%, Witklip Dam unchanged at 100.3% and Da Gama Dam unchanged at 74.5%.

All the dams in the Olifants catchment in the Nkangala District recorded drops in water volumes. Witbank Dam dropped from 87.9% to 87.4%, Middelburg Dam dropped from 95.2% to 94.7% and Loskop Dam dropped from 92.4% to 92.0%.

In the Gert Sibande District, all the listed dams recorded declines in water volumes except for the Westoe Dam which remained unchanged at 69.4%. Grootdraai Dam dropped from 79.2% to 77.6%, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 92.6% to 91.8%, Vygeboom Dam dropped from 100.6% to 100.4%, Jericho Dam dropped from 66.5% to 65.2%, Morgenstond Dam dropped from 64.2% to 63.2% and Heyshope Dam dropped from 87.9% to 87.7%.





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As we are already in the dry winter season, the Department of Water and Sanitation would like to re-emphasize the importance of water conservation and encourage the public to strengthen water conservation initiatives and use the available water wisely, taking into consideration that South Africa is a water scarce country.

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