



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels stable

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Water levels in the Mpumalanga Province remain stable with the average dam levels and the water management areas recording some improvements in terms of water volumes. The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 25 February 2019 shows that water levels increased from the recorded level last week Monday. The report shows that the average levels of the listed dams in the province increased from 71.8% to 73.4%, the Olifants catchment increased from 63.5% last week to 64.2% and the Inkomati-Usuthu catchment recorded an increase from 73.1% last week to 74.4%.

In the Ehlanzeni District, only Longemere and Primkop dams experienced decline in water volumes. Longmere Dam dropped from 71.0% to 61.6% and Primkop Dam dropped from 35.4% to 30.7%. In the Gert Sibande District, Nooitgedacht Dam dropped from 100.1% to 99.5% and Vygeboom Dam dropped from 101.5% to 101.3%. In the Nkangala District, Middelburg Dam dropped from 95.4% to 94.5%. The rest of the dams recorded slight increases in water volumes.

In the Ehlanzeni District, Blyderivierpoort Dam increased from 97.7% to 100.6%. Driekoppies Dam increased from 66.0% to 66.2%, Klipkopjes Dam increased from 49.6% to 50.8%, Witklip Dam increased from 87.7% to 90.2%, Kwena Dam increased from 45.1% to 47.1%, Da Gama Dam increased from 72.1% to 73.3%, and Inyaka Dam increased from 61.7% to 63.4%.

In the Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam increased from 77.0% to 81.2%, Heyshope Dam increased from 84.5% to 86.4%, Morgenstond Dam increased from 68.1% to 70.0%, Westoe Dam increased from 58.0% to 60.9% and Jericho Dam increased 70.4% to 70.9%

In the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam recorded an increase from 90.5% to 91.2%, and Loskop Dam increased from 90.7% to 92.3%.





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The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to encourage the public to continue using water wisely and in a conservative manner as South Africa is a water scarce country which is receiving less and less rainfall.

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