



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga water levels record slight decline

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The average water levels of the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded a slight decline over the week as the majority of the listed dams in the province dropped in water volumes.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 05 April 2021 shows that the average water levels in the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province slightly dropped from 88.9% to 88.8%. The water levels situation is much better than the same period last year when the level stood at 74.8%.

In the water management areas (WMA), the Olifants slightly decreased from 80.7% to 80.6% while the Inkomati-Usuthu remained unchanged at 93.2%.

Only five listed dams, three in Ehlanzeni District and one each in Gert Sibande and Nkangala districts recorded some improvements in water levels. In the Lowveld and the Ehlanzeni District, Kwena, Inyaka and Ohrigstad dams recorded improvements in water volumes, increasing from 98.7% to 100.2%, 87.0% to 87.4% and 81.5% to 82.4% respectively. Heyshope Dam increased from 87.1% to 87.2% in the Gert Sibande District and Witbank Dam increased from 99.9% to 100.1% in the Nkangala District.

Buffelskloof and Da Gama dams remained unchanged at 100.5% and 100.3% respectively in the Ehlanzeni District and Morgenstond Dam in the Gert Sibande District remained unchanged at 86.1%.

The majority of listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province recorded declines in water volumes. On the decline mode in the Ehlanzeni District and Lowveld, Blyderivierpoort Dam decreased in water volumes from 100.7% to 100.6%, Driekoppies from 100.9% to 100.5%, Longmere from 101.8% to 101.1%, Klipkopjes from 101.4% to 100.8%, Witklip from 100.4% to 100.3%, and Primkop from 102.2% to 101.9%.





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In the Gert Sibande District, Grootdraai Dam 99.8% to 99.2%, Nooitgedacht from 100.0% to 98.9%, Vygeboom from 101.0% to 100.9%, Jericho 89.5% to 88.6% and Westoe from 95.4% to 94.7%.

In the Nkangala District, Middelburg Dam dropped from 96.0% to 95.7%, Loskop from 100.3% to 100.1% and Rhenosterkop from 10.1% to 10.0%.

As we approach the dry winter season with water levels starting to drop in the Mpumalanga Province and much of the country, the Department of Water and Sanitation urges water users and the public at large to be more conservative in their water use and use the available water in a more wise and sparing manner to ensure the security of supply throughout the dry season until the next rains.

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