



MEDIA STATEMENT

Grootdraai Dam rises to 103%

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Grootdraai Dam in the Integrated Vaal River System in Standerton in the Gert Sibande District continues to rise above full capacity and this week it reached 103.0%.

According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 05 December, Grootdraai Dam recorded an increase from 102.6% to 103.0% which is way much better than the 78.3% recorded during the same period last year.

Other listed dams in the district that also recorded improvements in water levels include Jericho moving from 88.1% to 88.4% and Heyshope increasing from 100.2% to 100.5%. Vygeboom Dam remained unchanged at 100.3%.

Listed dams in the district that recorded declines in water volumes include Nooitgedacht dropping from 101.9% to 100.3%, Westoe from 73.3% to 69.1% and Morgenstond dropping from 99.0% to 98.4%.

The DWS report shows that even though the Gert Sibande District recorded mixed results in terms of the listed dams' status, the situation is much better than the same period last year as all the listed dams are in a better state than last year.

In relation to the provincial overview, the average water levels in the listed dams in Mpumalanga recorded a 0.3% drop from 93.3% to 93.0%. Water levels also dropped in the Water Management Areas (WMA) with the Olifants WMA recording a drop from 83.1% to 82.1% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA slightly dropping from 94.8% to 94.7%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation would like to encourage the public to continue using water wisely and sparingly despite the rainfall as South Africa is a water scarce country where every drop counts for water security for the current and future generations. DWS also calls on the public to be ambassadors of water conservation and to protect the water resources as water has no substitute.

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