



MEDIA STATEMENT

Mpumalanga dam levels continue to rise

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Water levels in the listed dams in Mpumalanga continue to rise. According to the latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 12 December 2022, the average dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province increased from last week's 93.0 to 94.5%. The report also shows that water levels in the water management areas (WMA) also recorded improvements, with the Olifants WMA increasing from 82.1% to 83.9% and the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA increasing from 94.7% to 96.2%.

In the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni Districts, Buffelskloof Dam increased from 100.3% to 100.5%, Driekoppies Dam from 97.9% to 98.6%, Longmere Dam from 90.9% to 91.8%, Klipkopjes Dam from 92.4% to 93.0%, Witklip Dam from 93.6% to 93.9%, Kwena Dam from 90.7% to 92.9%, and Da Gama Dam from 88.7% to 98.9%. Primkop Dam remained unchanged at 99.6%.

Listed dams that recorded declines in the Lowveld include Blyderivierpoort Dam dropping from 75.3% to 75.1%, Inyaka Dam from 78.6% to 78.4% and Ohrigstad Dam from 22.7% to 22.3%.

In Gert Sibande District, Vygeboom Dam increased from 100.3% to 101.2%, Westoe Dam from 69.1% to 71.3%, Morgenstond Dam from 98.4% to 98.9%, and Heyshope Dam from 100.5% to 103.2%.

On the decline mode, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 103.1% to 102.2%, Nootgedacht Dam from 100.3% to 100.2% and Jericho Dam from 88.4% to 88.3%.

In the Nkangala District, Witbank Dam remained unchanged at 97.7% while the other listed dams recorded some improvements. Middelburg Dam increased from 91.0% to 94.8%, Loskop Dam from 100.9% to 102.0% and Rhenosterkop / Mkhombo from 56.9% to 64.5%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation reminds the public that South Africa is a water scarce country, therefore it is important to use the available water wisely and sparingly despite the improvement in water levels to increase chances of water security.

DWS further calls on the public to be responsible and be extra careful as the rain continues to fall and the water levels in the listed dams and catchment areas continue to rise.

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