



MEDIA STATEMENT

Grootdraai Dam drops to 90%

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The Grootdraai Dam in the Integrated Vaal River System in Standerton continues to drop in water levels and this week further dropped to 90%. According to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly state of reservoirs report of 17 October 2022, the Grootdraai Dam in the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province recorded a drop from 91.1% to 90.0%.

Considering the continuous drop in water levels, the Department of Water and Sanitation calls on the public to be wise water users and use the available water sparingly, taking into consideration that South Africa is a water scarce country.

The other listed dams in the Gert Sibande District also recorded declines in water volumes except for the Vygeboom Dam which increased from 99.8% to 100.3% and the Westoe Dam that remained unchanged at 73.3%.

The other dams that recorded declines in water levels include Nooitgedacht from 98.4% to 97.5%, Jericho from 91.4% to 90.2%, Morgenstond from 99.4% to 98.1% and Heyshop from 99.0% to 98.7%.

On the provincial level, the average water levels in the listed dams in the Mpumalanga Province continued to drop and over the week went below 90% dropping from 90.4% to 88.6%. Water levels also continue to drop in the Water Management Areas (WMA), with the Olifants dropping from 80.0% to 79.0% and the Inkomati-Usuthu dropping from 94.6% to 92.4%.

DWS further encourages the public to take care and protect the water supply infrastructure from theft and vandalism to prevent the unnecessary loss of precious water as every drop counts as water has no substitute.

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