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### **Update on Free State dam levels**

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's weekly state of reservoirs report is reflecting a water storage of 95.8% in Free State, same as last week. It should be noted however that due to the increasing heat more evaporation should be expected and that could lead to a steady decline in the dam levels.

Bloemfontein Water Supply System which supplies the capital of Free State and other surrounding areas is at the level of 95.4%.

Rustfontein Dam and Groothoek Dam feeding Bloemfontein is sitting at 88.2% and 90.2% respectively. Welbedacht Dam recorded a 100% level while Knellpoort Dam recovered at 99.6%.

Sterkfontein Dam stands at 99.7% now, with Bloemhof Dam at 93.8%. Allemanskraal Dam this week is at 88.1%, while Erfenis Dam is comfortable at 90.0 %.

Tierpoort Dam is at 98.1% and Kalkfontein Dam is at 99.6% this week. Krugersdrift Dam recorded a slight increase at 99.0%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation noted with concern the steady decline in the Metsi-Matsho Dam which is sitting at 46.4%. The Provincial Head, Dr Tseliso Ntli immediately activated an investigation into the matter which resulted in the discovery of various leaking pipes in the system. The pipes have been fixed and the decline stabilised.

Meanwhile, Fika-Patso Dam is at 75.9%, Gariep Dam, the biggest dam in the country recorded 94.2% while Vanderkloof Dam the second largest is at 98.0%.

The Department of Water and Sanitation continuously encourage the public to continue using water sparingly and reiterates that South Africa is a water scarce country. Every drop counts.

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