



MEDIA STATEMENT

The IVRS continues to drop despite remaining stable this week

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Despite the IVRS remaining relatively stable this week, all the dams providing water to Gauteng and other provinces that form part of the Integrated Vaal River System continue to drop in water levels. The IVRS is currently at 93.6%, down slightly from last week's 94.2%. Last year, the IVRS stood at 96.8%.

Vaal Dam is currently at 85.5%, down from last week's 86.6%, with a stable capacity. Vaal Dam was at 97.8% last year this time.

The Grootdraai Dam remains stable despite a decrease from last week's 89.1% to 89.0% this week. Compared to last year, the dam had 95.3% capacity.

Water levels at Bloemhof Dam have fallen from 102.2% last week to 101.8% this week. During the same period last year, the dam was at 99.6%

Sterkfontein Dam also managed to maintain its stable capacity despite slightly decreasing from last week's 100.5% to 99.6%. A year ago, it was higher at 99.7%.

In Lesotho, both the Mohale and Katse dams have remained healthy despite the Mohale dam experiencing a slight decline in water levels this week.

The Katse Dam stood at 93.0% increasing from last week's 92.8%. In comparison, Katse recorded a lower at 86.3 last year.

Mohale Dam held steady at 88.7% this week, despite slightly dropping from last week's 90.3%. During the same period last year, Mohale was higher at 97.5%

Despite relatively stable water levels, DWS Spokesperson Wisane Mavasa urges water users to conserve water and use it wisely. In addition, she urged the public to report illegal water abstractions or vandalism to water infrastructure if they occur.

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