



MEDIA STATEMENT

Free State Dam levels steady

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The Department of Water and Sanitation's weekly state of reservoirs report issued early this week indicates that Free State Provincial water storage has slightly decreased, from 85.1% last week to 84.5% this week, while the Bloemfontein Water Supply System sits at 87.6% this week.

Tierpoort Dam is at 88.6% and Kalkfontein Dam is at 87.1% this week. Krugersdrift Dam recorded at 91.1% the same as the previous week. Metsi-Matsho Dam is sitting at 85.0%, meanwhile, Fika-Patso Dam is at 63.1% and the Gariiep Dam situated in Xhariep District Municipality, recorded a small decrease from 84.0% last week to 82.9% this week, while Vanderkloof Dam the second largest dam is at 99.4% this week.

Rustfontein Dam in the Bloemfontein Water Supply System sits at 72.5% this week, and the Welbedacht Dam sits at a comfortable 100.0% this week in the winter season, a marginal increase from 98.3% last week. Knellpoort Dam flows at 82.9% even though there is a small decline from last week's 84.0%. Sterkfontein Dam, which is a reserve dam stands at 98.8%, with Bloemhof Dam at 91.1%. Allemanskraal Dam this week flows at 61.3%, while Erfenis Dam indicates a marginal increase at 94.7% as compared to last week's 93.8%.

The Department continues to reiterate that communities need to use water sparingly, while also striving to ensure that all South Africans gain access to clean water and dignified sanitation. The Department also promotes effective and efficient water resources management to ensure sustainable socio-economic development, thus saying to citizens every drop counts. Save every drop of water.

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