



## MEDIA STATEMENT

### DWS urges ongoing water conservation as Mpumalanga dam levels hold steady

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) urges the public to continue using water wisely and sparingly, despite dam levels in Mpumalanga remaining stable at an impressive 99.9%. With most parts of South Africa entering the dry winter season, the Department emphasizes the importance of sustained water conservation efforts.

According to the DWS weekly state of reservoirs report dated 07 April 2025, average dam levels in Mpumalanga remained unchanged at 99.9%. In the Water Management Areas (WMAs), the Limpopo-Olifants WMA held steady at 96.4%, while the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA saw an increase from 98.7% to 99.1%.

At district level, dam levels showed mixed trends. Gert Sibande and Nkangala districts recorded slight declines, although both remained above 100%. Gert Sibande dropped from 101.3% to 101.0%, and Nkangala decreased from 101.5% to 101.4%. Ehlanzeni District, on the other hand, saw a moderate increase in its overall dam levels, rising from 95.8% to 96.5%.

In the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District, dam levels also presented a mixed picture, with most dams remaining above 100%. Buffelskloof Dam remained unchanged at 100.6%. Several dams showed improvements, including Blyderivierpoort, which rose from 100.6% to 100.9%; Driekoppies, increasing from 92.4% to 93.3%; Primkop, which moved from 100.9% to 101.1%; Da Gama, rising from 100.3% to 100.8%; Inyaka, from 94.9% to 96.5%; and Ohrigstad, which recorded a notable increase from 67.6% to 72.0%.

In contrast, a few dams saw declines in water levels. Longmere dropped slightly from 101.3% to 101.1%, Klipkopjes from 100.4% to 100.2%, Witklip from 100.8% to 100.6%, and Kwena from 100.9% to 100.8%.

In the Gert Sibande District, most listed dams experienced a decline in levels. However, Jericho Dam rose significantly from 95.2% to 100.9%, and Morgenstond Dam improved from 98.1% to 99.3%. Other dams in the district saw slight decreases, including Grootdraai from 102.7% to 101.2%, Nooitgedacht Dam from 100.7% to 100.5%, Vygeboom Dam from 101.5% to 100.9%, Westoe Dam from 100.9% to 100.4%, and Heyshope Dam from 101.9% to 101.3%.

The Nkangala District also showed varied results. Witbank Dam improved from 97.3% to 98.1%, while Rhenosterkop, also known as Mkhombo Dam, remained unchanged at 101.1%. Middelburg Dam experienced a drop from 97.3% to 95.7%, and Loskop Dam slightly decreased from 103.5% to 103.2%.

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The Department reminds the public that South Africa is a water-scarce country where every drop counts. Even in times of apparent abundance, it is crucial to use water responsibly. Citizens are urged to use water efficiently, avoid unnecessary wastage, repair leaks, and report water infrastructure issues promptly. The Department also encourages the adoption of water-saving habits in homes, workplaces, and agriculture, and calls on communities to protect water infrastructure from theft and vandalism.

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