



MEDIA STATEMENT

Kwena Dam stable at 100.9% as most Lowveld dams continue to record improvements in water levels

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the Kwena Dam, located on the Crocodile River upstream of the City of Mbombela in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District of Mpumalanga Province is stable and above the 100% mark.

According to the latest weekly state of reservoirs report from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), the Kwena Dam remains unchanged from the 100.9% recorded last week. The other listed dams which remained unchanged is the Da Gama Dam at 100.3%.

The majority of listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District recorded improvements in water levels. Driekoppies Dam increased from 92.0% to 92.4%, Longmere Dam from 100.9% to 101.3%, Klipkopjes Dam from 100.0% to 100.4%, Witklip Dam from 100.4% to 100.8%, Primkop Dam from 100.2% to 100.9%, Inyaka Dam from 94.3% to 94.9%, and Ohrigstad Dam from 65.8% to 67.6%.

Meanwhile, Blyderivierpoort and Buffelskloof dams recorded slight declines even though they are still above 100%, dropping from 100.7% to 100.6%, respectively.

The weekly dam status report also highlights a continued rise in water levels across the Mpumalanga Province, largely due to persistent rainfall. Average dam levels across the province have increased from 99.4% to 99.9%. In the Water Management Areas (WMA), the Limpopo-Olifants WMA increased from 95.6% to 96.4%, while the Inkomati-Usuthu WMA saw an increase from 98.0% to 98.7%.

All the three districts of the Mpumalanga Province also recorded improvements in water levels, with Ehlanzeni increasing from 95.4% to 95.8%, Gert Sibande from 100.5% to 101.3%, and Nkangala from 101.2% to 101.5%.

While water levels remain satisfactory, the Department of Water and Sanitation urges all citizens to use water responsibly. South Africa remains a water-scarce country, and conservation efforts are crucial. The public is encouraged to use water wisely, report leaks promptly and take proactive steps to minimize water loss.

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