



MEDIA STATEMENT

Drop in Mpumalanga water levels calls for increased water conservation efforts

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The continuous drop in water levels in the Mpumalanga Province calls for residents to increase water conservation efforts to ensure sustainable water supply for all, especially during the dry winter season.

According to the latest Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) weekly State of Reservoirs report of 06 April 2026, the average dam levels in the Mpumalanga Province dropped from 100.6% to 100.3%. In the Water Management Areas (WMA), the Limpopo–Olifants WMA recorded a decline from 101.8% to 101.0%, and the Inkomati–Usuthu WMA dropped from 100.5% to 100.2%.

Water levels also dropped in all three districts of the Mpumalanga Province. Ehlanzeni dropped from 101.2% to 100.8%, Gert Sibande from 100.5% to 100.2%, and Nkangala from 100.4% to 100.1%.

The majority of listed dams in the Lowveld and Ehlanzeni District of the Mpumalanga Province recorded declines in water levels with only Longmere Dam remaining unchanged at 101.8%.

The listed dams which recorded declines include Kwena Dam from 101.4% to 101.0%, Driekoppies Dam from 101.0% to 100.9%, Inyaka Dam from 101.1% to 100.3%, Da Gama Dam from 101.2% to 101.0%, Witklip Dam from 101.1% to 100.8%, Primkop Dam from 103.0% to 102.6%, Blyderivierpoort Dam from 101.9% to 101.4%, Klipkopjes Dam from 101.0% to 100.8%, Buffelskloof Dam from 101.2% to 100.5%, and Ohrigstad Dam from 100.3% to 100.2%.

The Gert Sibande District saw most dams recording declines with the exception of Nooitgedacht and Heyshope dams which recorded slight improvements from 99.7% to 100.0% and 102.4% to 102.5% respectively.

On the decline, Grootdraai Dam dropped from 101.5% to 101.2%, Vygeboom Dam from 101.5% to 100.1%, Jericho Dam from 100.5% to 100.2%, Westoe Dam from 79.5% to 78.4%, and Morgenstond Dam from 100.7% to 100.0%.

It was a mixed bag of results in the Nkangala District with Witbank Dam remaining unchanged at 98.2% and Middelburg Dam slightly increasing from 96.5% to 97.0%. Loskop and

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Rhenosterkop dams recorded drops from 101.1% to 100.7% and 101.1% to 100.5, respectively.

Despite most dams still above 100%, the Department of Water and Sanitation reiterates the importance of water conservation for reliable water supply and water security for the current and future generations.

DWS further encourages residents to be responsible water user and fix all leaks, report burst pipes to relevant authorities, and to protect water infrastructure from vandalism and theft to prevent the unnecessary loss of precious water, as every drop counts.

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