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$$\frac{1}{5} = \frac{x}{x+22}$$

Let x m represent the height of the small pyramid. Then x + 22 is the height of the large pyramid. The 1 represents half of the length of the base of the small pyramid, and the 5 represents half of the length of the base of the large pyramid.

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$$x + 22 = 5x$$
$$22 = 4x$$
$$5.5 = x$$

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The volume of the small pyramid is

$$V = \frac{1}{3}(4)(5.5) = \frac{22}{3}.$$

The volume of the large pyramid is

$$V = \frac{1}{3}(100)(27.5)$$
$$= \frac{2750}{3}.$$

The volume of the truncated pyramid is

$$\frac{2750}{3} - \frac{22}{3} = \frac{2728}{3}.$$

The volume of the truncated pyramid is
$$rac{2728}{3}m^3$$

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