

Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP) Workshop on FERC Initiative

Agenda
June 27, 2013

Target Audience: Hydroelectric Energy Executives, Dam Safety and Asset Managers, and Dam Safety Engineers of FERC-licensed hydroelectric projects.

Speakers will include:

Messrs. William Allerton and Patrick Regan for the FERC; three owners to be announced.

To be held the day after Risk Informed Decision-Making (RIDM) Level 2 Workshops.

FERC's dam safety program has three principal components; the **Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)**, the independent consultant's 5-year inspection, and the FERC's regulatory inspection and evaluation program. All three of these components are needed to successfully reduce the probability of dam failures.

Although there are many factors typically contributing to a given dam failure, the failure by the owner to carry out their dam safety responsibilities, either by neglect or organizational deficiencies, has been a factor in many failures starting with the Johnstown tragedy, Teton, and Taccoa Falls up to and including more recent failures such as Upriver Dam, Silver Lake, and Taum Sauk.

This workshop will focus on the reasons for the FERC Initiative and include lessons learned from ODSP submittals, past ODSP failures, and owner's success stories.



Johnstown, PA after Dam Failure

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- 8:00 Welcome
- 8:10 Reason for the ODSP - Why did we require it? What's in it for owners?
- 8:30 Examples of owner's lack of an adequate program contributing to a failure or incident
- 8:50 What does FERC hope to get out of the ODSP initiative?
- 9:15 What was submitted to the FERC? The good, the bad, and the ugly.
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Success stories - Best Examples
Three owners present their programs
- 10:45 Steps for continual improvement
- 11:00 Discussion
- 12:00 Adjourn

VENUE

FERC Offices, 880 First Street,
Washington DC 20426
Commission Meeting Room

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration is free but will be limited to 70 participants.

Additional Workshops planned in 2013:

- Washington DC - June 27, 2013
- Madison, WI – October- Date TBD

To register, please go to the event date on the FERC Calendar at:

<http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/>

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LODGING INFORMATION

No specific hotels are recommended.

Attendees are responsible for their own lodging accommodations.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Washington DC Area airports include Reagan National Airport, Dulles Airport and Baltimore Airport

Washington DC Metro information:

<http://www.wmata.com/rail/>

Metro Rail is available at Reagan Airport, a shuttle is available to Metro Rail from Dulles, MARC trains are available from Baltimore to Union Station.