

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF ENERGY PROJECTS
Division of Dam Safety and Inspections – New York Regional Office
19 West 34th Street – Suite 400
New York, NY 10001

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Dear Licensee:

The Owners Dam Safety Program (ODSP) is the most important factor in maintaining safe dams and preventing dam failures. Dams with owners who do not have an effective ODSP represent a higher risk. The ODSP has been cited as a contributing factor in many dam failures including: the 1976 failure of Teton Dam, the 1986 failure of Upriver Dam, the 2003 failure of Silver Lake Dam, and the 2005 failure of Taum Sauk Dam. To assure that we, the dam safety community, are doing everything ahead of time that can reasonably be done to avoid dam failures, the Owner's Dam Safety Program requires designation of a Chief Dam Safety Engineer (CDSE) or Chief Dam Safety Coordinator to oversee the ODSP. His position also requires training of staff in dam safety inspection and evaluation. To assist you in this, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Division of Dam Safety and Inspections (D2SI) will be conducting two dam safety training seminars in the northeast in November 2014.

The first seminar will be conducted in Utica, NY on November 17th and 18th while the other will be in Concord, NH on November 24th and 25th. A third day has been added to the Utica seminar specifically for P-12 Independent Consultants and Licensees who hire P-12 Consultants. It will be on November 19, 2014 and will provide insight and guidance on D2SI's expectations of the content and quality of the P-12D inspection and reports.

The training is provided at no cost to attendees and will focus on your high and significant hazard projects. However, seating is limited and registrations will receive consideration according to the order in which they are received. Attendance will be open to CDSEs, Licensees and Exemptees, Hydro Operators, and P-12 Independent Consultants. Priority will be given to CDSEs and Hydro Operators.

As the consequences of dam failure are unacceptable, the seminar uses numerous case studies to emphasize the importance of dam safety and provides instruction in dam safety performance monitoring, surveillance, examination, and analysis (See attached Agenda). The instructors will be Jerry Cross, FERC-NYRO Regional Engineer, and Nick Agnoli, FERC-NYRO Branch Chief, both are professional engineers who have a great deal of experience and knowledge in the areas of dam safety.

Training will start at 8:00 am and finish at 4:00 pm each day. Lunch will be provided for \$15.00 per day. Please return the attached registration form to me indicating how many of your staff you plan to send by November 7, 2014.

Sincerely,

Gerald L. Cross, P.E.
Regional Engineer

Enclosures:

Registration Form

Agenda

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