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Midwest Area---- Dam Safety Seminar for Part-12 Independent Consultants and Licensees with P-12D Requirements
May 5, 2015
Westwood Conference Center
Wausau, WI

Dear Licensee/Exemptee:

Given the recent addition of new dam safety initiatives, such as Risk-Informed Decision-Making, changes to the Engineering Guidelines, and the inconsistent quality of Part 12D submissions to the FERC, we are offering voluntary training to all Licensees/Exemptees subject to Part 12D regulations and all Independent Consultants retained to perform Part 12D inspections. This training is equally important to both those familiar with the Part 12D process as well as those new to the process. Further details on the date and location of this training are provided below.

This training has been previously presented in the New York, Portland and San Francisco regions. We are now specifically sending this invitation to holders of a FERC-issued license located within the Chicago Region and is specifically geared to those with projects subject to 18 CFR Part 12D requirements. No action is specifically required on your part if your project is not subject to Part 12D.

Specifically, the training will address the Part 12D inspection process, the PFMA Review Process, recent revisions to Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring Plans and Reports, the expectations of the FERC with regards to the Part 12D process, and the review of case studies that highlight the deficiencies of past Part 12D reviews/inspections. The agenda, additional information and on-line registration can be found through:

<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/safety/wkshps.asp>

This training is not mandatory but is ***highly recommended***. FERC will use this training seminar to provide insight and guidance on FERC's expectations of the content and quality of each section of the Part 12D Report and for supplemental studies and analyses. We encourage you to share this information with your Part 12D Independent Consultants and others who could benefit.

Training will start at 8:00 am and finish at 4:00 pm and held at:

May 5, 2015
Westwood Conference Center
1800 Westwood Center Blvd
Wausau, WI 54401

http://www.westwoodconference.com/directions_lodging.pdf

Note: the conference center does not have hotel facilities. The above link does provide several (but not all) hotels in the area.

The training is provided at no cost to attendees, however, seating is limited and registrants will receive consideration according to the order in which they are received. The Midwest Hydro Users Group will arrange to provide lunch for a reasonable fee to be collected the morning of the seminar.

Sincerely,

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