

**RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES AT DAMS**  
**Unifying Dam Safety and Security**  
**FERC WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Radisson Plaza Hotel Forth Worth, Texas**  
**February 15, 16, 17, 2005**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The dates for this workshop have been changed from those originally proposed. Our pre-announcement notice indicated that the workshop would be held on February 8-10, 2005. However, due to meeting space logistics, the workshop will be held during the following week, February 15-17, 2005.

The FERC will host a 3-day workshop to discuss emergency procedures, dam safety, and dam security. “**Unifying Dam Safety and Security**” will be the major theme of the workshop. The workshop will be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel Fort Worth from Tuesday, February 15 through Thursday, February 17, 2005. Refer to the draft agenda for details. Representatives from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FBI (and other law enforcement agencies), emergency response personnel, and other federal and state agencies have been invited to the workshop. New initiatives from DHS pertinent to dams in the U.S., arising from Homeland Security Presidential Directive -7 (refer to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/12/20031217-5.html> for details), will be discussed at this workshop. A half-day DAMSVR orientation session will also be offered on Friday morning. The DAMSVR session is the same training session that some of you have already attended in San Francisco and other locations.

**Note:** Due to recent initiatives from DHS, the workshop organizers determined that more time is needed to discuss what is on the horizon for dam owners in the U.S. As a consequence, an originally proposed field trip to the Brazos River Authority’s Morris Sheppard Dam had to be cancelled. The Brazos River Authority graciously agreed to cancel the field trip portion of the workshop. We will still showcase the operations and procedures at the Morris Sheppard Dam by expanding the “in conference” licensee’s discussion of their emergency response, security, and past dam safety issues. Using the Morris Sheppard Dam as an example will focus the main topics of the workshop for discussion purposes. The workshop organizers appreciate the flexibility demonstrated by the Brazos River Authority during these eleventh-hour changes.

**Workshop Information Security:**

To be eligible to attend the workshop, you must be currently employed in any of the following fields:

Dam Safety/Hydropower/Reservoir Recreation/Dam Operation

Security

Law Enforcement

Emergency Response  
Federal, State, Local Regulation

Prior to acceptance to the workshop, attendees will have their place of employment verified when you register on line. Please be sure to provide accurate contact details in the registration process. A current photo-ID will also be necessary for on-site admission.

**Hotel Information:**

Attendees must make their own hotel reservations. A block of rooms will be held until January 21, 2005. After that date the rooms will be released to the public and reservations will be accepted on a space and rate availability basis.

Radisson Plaza Hotel Forth Worth  
815 Main Street  
Fort Worth, TX 86106

The single room rate is \$96 (plus 15% tax) and parking is at \$6 per day. This rate includes continental breakfast. Attendees should call 817-870-2100 or 800-333-3333. The block name is "Federal Energy Regulatory Commission."

If you wish to receive further information, contact Mr. Frank Calcagno at [frank.calcagno@ferc.gov](mailto:frank.calcagno@ferc.gov) or by calling at (202) 502-6026.

See you in Texas.

-Frank Calcagno, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission