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Honorable Hugh J. Gallen  
Governor of the State of New Hampshire  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Gallen:

Inclosed is a copy of the Crescent Lake Dam Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. The report is based upon a visual inspection, a review of past performance, and a preliminary hydrological analysis. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report.

The preliminary hydrologic analysis has indicated that the spillway capacity for the Crescent Lake Dam would likely be exceeded by floods greater than 26 percent of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF), the test flood for spillway adequacy. Our screening criteria specifies that a dam of this class which does not have sufficient spillway capacity to discharge fifty (50) percent of the PMF, should be adjudged as having a seriously inadequate spillway and the dam assessed as unsafe, non-emergency, until more detailed studies prove otherwise or corrective measures are completed.

The term "unsafe" applied to a dam because of an inadequate spillway does not indicate the same degree of emergency as that term would if applied because of structural deficiency. It does indicate, however, that a severe storm may cause overtopping and possible failure of the dam, with significant damage and potential loss of life downstream.

It is recommended that within twelve months from the date of this report the owner of the dam engage the services of a professional or consulting engineer to determine by more sophisticated methods and procedures the magnitude of the spillway deficiency. Based on this determination, appropriate remedial mitigating measures should be designed and completed within 24 months of this date of notification. In the interim a detailed emergency operation plan and warning system should be promptly developed. During periods of unusually heavy precipitation, round-the-clock surveillance should be provided.
Dear Honorable Hugh J. Gallen,

I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7, with qualifications as noted above. I request that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement these recommendations since this follow-up is an important part of the non-Federal Dam Inspection Program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to Water Resources Board, the cooperating agency for the State of New Hampshire. This report has also been furnished to the owner of the project, the Town of Wolfeboro, Board of Selectmen, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire 03894.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request to this office, under the Freedom of Information Act, thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Water Resources Board for the cooperation extended in carrying out this program.

Sincerely,

Max B. Scheider
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Division Engineer
CRESCEnt LAKE DAM
NH 00309

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PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT
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Name of Dam: N.H. No Name 107 (Crescent Lake Dam), I.D. NH 00309
State Located: New Hampshire
County Located: Carroll
Stream: Tributary to Lake Winnipesaukee aka as Smith River
Date of Inspection: June 6 and 7, 1978

BRIEF ASSESSMENT

Crescent Lake Dam is a cut stone masonry dam with a central timber section. The dam is 131-ft long and 14.7-ft high. The entire dam length serves as an overflow section. The overall physical condition of the dam is good to fair.

The spillway of Crescent Lake Dam is considered inadequate in that it can only pass 26 percent of the spillway Test Flood without overtopping the abutments. The determination of the spillway capacity was made according to Corps of Engineers screening criteria and should be verified by the owner using more sophisticated and accurate methods and procedures.

Recommended actions to be carried out by the owner within 12 months of receipt of this Phase I Report are summarized in Section 7. The most important of these is the provision of the safe access to the sluice gate during high lake levels, the acquisition of additional data to assess the need for additional spillway capacity, and the assembly of a complete set of design documents for the dam. Other recommended actions include cleaning timber at the spillway section and restoration of missing masonry blocks at the timber dam abutments.

Robert Gershowitz, P.E.
This Phase I Inspection Report on Crescent Lake Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe condition be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.
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View of the dam from downstream showing timber section and its left masonry abutment. Note that some masonry blocks are missing from the abutment. The spillover section is to the right of the picture.
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SECTION 1
PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General
   a. Authority. Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a national program of dam inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. HARRIS-ECI ASSOCIATES has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of New Hampshire. Authorization and notice to proceed was issued to HARRIS-ECI ASSOCIATES under a letter of June 7, 1978 from Ralph T. Garver, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-78-C-0305 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

   b. Purpose
      (1) Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.

      (2) Encourage and assist the States to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-federal dams.

      (3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.
1.2 Project Description

a. Location
Crescent Lake Dam is located on the Smith River in the Town of Wolfeboro, Carroll County, New Hampshire. Smith River is a tributary of Lake Winnipesaukee and is part of the Merrimack River primary drainage basin.

b. Description of Dam and Appurtenances
Crescent Lake Dam is a rough cut stone gravity structure with a central timber section. The dam is built across the natural outlet of Crescent Lake which is a tributary of Lake Winnipesaukee and is locally known as Smith River. The dam was built in 1854 and the masonry section was faced with a concrete wall on the upstream side in 1957. The timber section was rebuilt a number of times, most recently in the 1950's. The entire masonry section serves as an overflow section. The longer part of the masonry spillway is to the left of the timber section. The left abutment cutoff has been improved by the addition of a 10-inch thick concrete wall that is an extension of the facing concrete, and which ties the dam into higher ground. The right spillway masonry section is quite short and ties into a ledge rock outcrop. The entire dam is apparently founded on ledge rock. The timber dam structure spans between massive cut stone masonry abutments which are, in fact, widened portions of the normal spillway sections. The timber structure contains a 42-inch square low level outlet sluice used to control the lake surfaces of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth. These two lakes are connected by means of a channel and share a common water surface elevation. The facing wall of the masonry spillway section has iron pipe flash pins set into its top surface, but no flash boards were in use on the days of inspection and no use of flash boards is being considered.

Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth have a combined surface area of 3,166 acres and impound 12,700 acre-feet of water derived from a drainage area of 36 square miles.
The overall length of the dam is approximately 131 feet and has a height of 14.2 feet above the river bed level.

No drawings exist for this dam, but pertinent details have been incorporated in field inspection sketches appended as Drawings 1 and 2. The downstream channel of Smith River has a ledge rock bottom at the dam and is moderately steeply sloped.

c. Size Classification
According to the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection" by the U.S. Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers, the dam is classified in the dam category as being "Intermediate", since its storage is more than 1,000 acre-feet but less than 50,000 acre-feet. The dam is also classified as "Small" because its height is less than 40 feet. The overall size classification is the largest of these two classifications, and accordingly Crescent Lake Dam is classified as "Intermediate" in size.

d. Hazard Classification
The dam has been listed in the National Inventory of Dams as having high hazard potential, on the basis that in the event of failure of the dam and its appurtenances, excessive damage could occur to downstream property together with the possibility of the loss of more than a few lives. The current inspection concurs with this classification, because the dam impounds a very large volume of water which in the case of a hypothetical dam failure could inundate low lying downstream areas without time to institute emergency evacuation procedures.

e. Ownership
Crescent Lake Dam is owned by the Town of Wolfeboro. Operational control is delegated by the Town to a private citizen who formerly had an owning interest in the facility.
f. Operator
Crescent Lake Dam is presently operated by Mr. Thaddeus Berry, a private citizen of Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on behalf of the Town of Wolfeboro.

g. Purpose of the Dam
The purpose of the dam originally was to regulate the water supply for a small downstream power dam that has little effective storage. It still is used for that purpose in addition to serving to regulate the levels of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth.

h. Design and Construction History
No data was recovered in the files of the N.H. Water Resources Board (NH-WRB) or the Town of Wolfeboro relating to the design and construction of the dam. The date of 1854 is clearly chiseled on one of the granite blocks on the left abutment near the sluice operating platform. The concrete facing is inscribed with the date of 1957.

The timber section of the dam was reconstructed some time in the 1950's according to Mr. Thaddeus Berry who is currently in charge of operating the dam, and who had an owning interest in the structure at that time. According to Mr. Berry, the dam was rebuilt according to the previous design using heavy bridge timbers salvaged from an abandoned railroad branch line. According to Mr. Berry, the dam site was dewatered, and the timber section reconstructed in the dry. The bottom of the timber dam rests on a cast iron mud sill, as per Mr. Berry's account.
i. Normal Operating Procedures

The normal operating procedure is to regulate both the lake levels of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth, at the same time releasing enough water for the needs of a small downstream power dam, used to power machinery for excelsior production. According to data uncovered in the files of NH-WRB, the agreement at the time of the proposed sale of the dam to the Town of Wolfeboro in 1958 allowed the previous owner to draw water from the lakes sufficient for its power needs, provided that:

- The level of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth shall not be permitted to fall 18 inches below the top of dam (Elevation 534.83) between June 15 and August 1 of any year.

- The lake levels shall not be permitted to fall more than 30 inches below Elevation 534.83 between August 1 and Labor Day of any year.

- The level of the lakes shall not be permitted to fall more than 36 inches below 534.83 between Labor Day and September 15 of any year.

- No minimum lake levels need be maintained between September 15 of any year to June 15 of the following year.
According to the Chief Dam Operator, an attempt is made to regulate summer time lake levels at elevations no higher than 6 to 8 inches over spillway crest level in order to avoid high water complaints from shore line residents. This control is achieved by use of the low level outlet sluice gate. The lake levels are drawdown at least one foot below spillway crest level in the winter time for control of ice damage and in anticipation of snowmelt water inflows in the spring.

The problem of regulating the levels of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth to achieve full pool in the early summer is the subject of extensive memoranda in the NH-WRB files.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area: 36 square miles

b. Discharge at Dam Site

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<td>1,000 cfs (estimated)</td>
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<td>Warm water outlet at pool elevation</td>
<td>175 cfs at Elev. 534.50</td>
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<td>Gated spillway capacity at pool elevation</td>
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<td>Gated spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation</td>
<td>NA</td>
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<td>Ungated spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation</td>
<td>1,780 cfs at Elev. 537.17</td>
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<td>Total spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation</td>
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c. Elevation (feet above MSL)

Top of dam: 537.17
Maximum pool, design surcharge: NA
Full flood control pool: NA
Recreation pool: 534.5
Spillway crest: 534.5
Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: NA
Downstream portal invert diversion tunnel: NA
Streambed at centerline of dam: Elevation 522.5 (estimated)
Maximum tailwater: Unknown; estimated at elevation 529.25 at time of inspection


d. Reservoir

Length of maximum pool 4.00 miles ) Combined Crescent
Length of recreation pool: 3.98 miles ) Lake and Lake Wentworth
Length of flood control pool: NA


e. Storage (acre-feet)

Recreation pool: 12,700 AF
Flood control pool: NA
Design surcharge: NA
Top of dam: 21,320 AF Elev. 537.17


f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

Top of dam: 3,166 acres (Elev. 534.5)
Maximum pool: NA
Flood control pool: NA
Recreation pool: 3,166 acres (Elev. 534.5)
Spillway crest: 3,166 acres (Elev. 534.5)
g. **Dam**

Type: Rough cut masonry stone gravity dam with timber dam regulating section

Length: 131.5 feet
Height: 14.7 feet
Top width: 6 feet
Side slopes - Upstream:
  - Upstream: Vertical
  - Downstream: Varies; approximately 1 vertical on 4 horizontal to 1 on 2 horizontal
Zoning: NA
Impervious core: NA
Cutoff: Concrete facing wall between 10 to 20-inch high
Grout curtain: Unknown, none believed installed

h. **Diversion and Regulating Tunnel**

Type: NA
Length: NA
Closure: NA
Access: NA
Regulating facilities: NA

i. **Spillway**

Type: Spillover gravity dam section
Length of weir: 130 feet
Crest elevation: 534.5
Gates: None
U/S Channel: Crescent Lake
D/S Channel: Overbank flow to Smith River (a tributary to Lake Winnipesaukee)
j. Regulating Outlets

Low level outlet:

Controls:

Emergency gate:

Outlet:

One 3.5 x 3.5 outlet gate center-line elevation estimated at 522.5

Wooden sluice gate, rack and pinion hoist

None

Smith River channel
SECTION 2

2. ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design

No data is available in the files of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board or the owner relating to the design of the dam in regard to stability, spillway capacity or structural strength of the timber section.

2.2 Construction

No data is available in the files of the NH-WRB or the owner relating to the construction of the dam. The oral account of Mr. Thaddeus Berry of the reconstruction of the timber section in the 1950's is covered in Section 1.2 - h.

2.3 Operation

The current operation practices are covered in Section 1.2 - i. According to data in the NH-WRB files, the following high water occurrences have been documented:

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<td>1867-1888</td>
<td>1.9 feet</td>
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<tr>
<td>April 19, 1933</td>
<td>1.67 feet (20 inches)</td>
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<tr>
<td>March 22, 1936</td>
<td>1.83 feet (22 inches)</td>
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2.4 Evaluation

a. Availability
Engineering data and documentation of the physical features of Crescent Lake Dam are virtually non-existent. A program of data acquisition and documentation is required.

b. Adequacy
The lack of in-depth engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of this dam could not be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history and sound engineering judgement.

c. Validity
Available data in the form of inspection reports and dam records in the files of the NH-WRB are inconsistent and need to be reassessed and evaluated against an actual record set of as-built drawings and details.

There is some confusion about the spillway crest elevation of the dam which is variously given as 534.27 and 534.83. Levels taken during the field inspection showed that the top of the upstream concrete cutoff and facing wall is at elevation 534.50 and that the dam masonry blocks downstream of the wall vary in height approximately 0 to 8 inches above the top of the concrete wall. The levels taken during the field inspection used the staff gage as a basis for the elevation datum.
SECTION 3

3. VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

a. General
Crescent Lake Dam is in good to fair physical condition, even allowing for 124 years of age. The low masonry structure has been able to withstand all lake discharges passing over it, but has suffered some damage at its abutments attributed to vandals. It is a remarkable monument to the ability of early New England stone masons.

b. Dam
The low masonry dam is almost entirely a spillway structure. The left abutment spillway section is the longer one and the spillway section probably does not exceed 6 to 7 feet in height. The masonry consists of large rough trimmed granite blocks up to 4 cubic feet in volume laid up dry, and exceedingly well interlocked and chinked in the manner typical of New England dry wall construction. The upstream face of the dam is vertical and has been faced in 1957 with a concrete cutoff and facing wall 10 to 24 inches in thickness which extends beyond the original masonry construction and ties into the higher ground at the left abutment.

Judging from the ledge rock outcrops visible in the stream channel and the immediate vicinity of the dam, it seems probable that the masonry dam is founded on a variety of medium grained granitic ledge rock. The masonry dam is approximately 6-foot wide at the top and the downstream face slopes irregularly at slopes varying between 4 H on 1 V to 2 H on 1 V. No signs of erosion were noticed downstream of the masonry dam as a result of spillover.
The masonry dam section at each end of the timber section which closes off the natural outlet of Crescent Lake has been increased to build up two massive abutments approximately 20-foot wide by 10-foot long along the dam axis. The timber dam abutment tops are at or near the level of the spillway crest; however, several granite blocks from the top course of these abutments have been tipped into the channel of the Smith River by vandals.

One-inch diameter flash pins have been inserted in the top of the upstream concrete facing wall at approximately 6 feet centers. There are no flash boards in evidence at the dam site and the Chief Dam Operator said that there are no plans to use flash boards to increase the lake levels because of high water complaints when the lake level exceeds 8 inches above the masonry crest.

A dam safety inspection report in the files of the N.H. Water Resources Board (NH-WRB), dated August 14, 1975, reported that the ".... dam has a small leak through the stone work on the left side....". An outcrop approximately 20 feet downstream of the dam had prominent joints that could be passageways for water under the dam and up into the stone work. However, water was spilling over the crest into the masonry stone work at the time of the field inspection and, hence, this leakage could not be verified. Based on past performance, the stone work is thought to have sufficient bulk and internal strength that any leakage would not affect its stability.

The timber dam section spans between the two massive masonry abutments described above. Details of the timber dam have been sketched during the field inspection and are reproduced in Drawing 2. The current timber section was rebuilt in the 1950's and utilized salvaged bridge timbers from an abandoned railroad line. The current arrangement of timber structural members is said to follow the previous design. All timbers appear to be in serviceable condition. A log sluice opening in the timber dam has been ineffectively sealed up and is leaking a considerable volume of water estimated at 50 gpm, (see Drawing 2).
The timber section contains a single sluice gate located at the bottom of the dam on the upstream face.

The gate is constructed of timber and measures approximately 3.5 feet by 3.5 feet (which was determined by indirect measurement of the width of the outlet and the length of the rack mounted on the gate stem). The gate stem is a 3.5 in. by 7 in. steel channel which is most likely a replacement stem, as most of these type gates have timber stems.

The manually powered operator contains a wooden handwheel driving a rack and pinion through a single spur gear reduction. The rack is directly fixed to the gate stem. One of the bearing caps which holds a gear shaft to the cast iron frame has apparently broken and been replaced by a wooden block which is not bolted to the frame. A new cap should be fabricated since this part is highly stressed and the operating mechanism will not function without it. Aside from the jury-rigged bearing cap, the sluice gate appears to be in satisfactory operating condition.

c. **Appurtenant Structures**

This dam does not contain any appurtenant structures.

d. **Reservoir Area**

Crescent Lake in the immediate area of the dam has a moderately sloping shore which is left in the natural state. The rim area up to the shoreline is covered with substantial tree growth, which has been locally removed in connection with sparse development. No readily apparent signs of instability were noted in the rim areas adjoining the lake. No signs of silting were observed in the lake at the dam site during the inspection.

e. **Downstream Channel**

The immediate downstream channel is well defined and has a ledge rock invert at the dam. The banks are 6 to 9-ft high and sloped from 2 H on 1 V.
The overbank area is well covered with brush and trees. It is estimated that some 20 to 30 structures are on or near both banks of the stream in the reach between Crescent Lake Dam and the downstream power dam serving the firm of O.P. Berry. The downstream channel is partly blocked by several large granite blocks which have been pried loose from the top course of the adjacent timber dam masonry abutments by action of vandals.

3.2 Evaluation

The overall physical condition of Crescent Lake Dam is good to fair for a 124-year old facility. Items affecting dam safety are:

1. Large stone blocks pried loose from the top of the masonry abutments and dumped into the stream partly blocking the outlet channel and tending to reduce the stability of the abutment.

2. A reported leak in the left spillway area which could not be checked because of water flowing over the dam at the time of inspection.

3. The area downstream of the spillway on the left abutment is intensely wooded and could possibly block part of the spillway section during very large flow of the PMF magnitude.

4. The cast iron bearing cap of the gear shaft of the gate hoist is broken and has been replaced by a wooden block. This repair may fail at a critical time.
5. The gate operating platform is considered to be too low in relation to the potential lake surface elevation during a PMF level flood, and could be swept away. There is no adequate dry access to the sluice platform at times of PMF lake levels.
4. OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures

The level of Crescent Lake and Lake Wentworth can be controlled at Crescent Lake Dam in conjunction with releases of water for power generation at a downstream dam. In the summer time, an attempt is made to keep lake levels within 6 to 8 inches above the dam crest, in order to avoid complaints concerning high water from lake shore property owners. Minimum lake levels in the summer have been stipulated in detail as part of the agreement whereby the dam was acquired by the Town of Wolfeboro. Summer time releases through the sluice gate are governed by the stipulated high and low lake level limits and the water needs of the downstream power dam. The lake level is drawn down approximately one foot in the winter in order to minimize ice damage to shoreline property and to provide storage for spring time snow melt water. The daily regulation of the sluice gate has been delegated by the Town to Mr. Berry who has long experience in this matter because he previously had an owning interest in Crescent Lake Dam and currently owns the downstream power dam. The NH-WRB has given advice on the regulation of the lake during the spring snowmelt season.

4.2 Maintenance of the Dam

Currently, no scheduled maintenance of the dam is being carried out. Maintenance is on an as-needed basis. Repairs carried out in the past have been described above.
4.3 **Maintenance of Operating Facilities**

There is no scheduled maintenance of the operating facilities. Maintenance is on an as-needed basis, in conjunction with the frequent regulation of the sluice gate opening.

4.4 **Description of any Warning System in Effect**

There is no warning system in effect to provide a warning to downstream residents in case of dam accident.

4.5 **Evaluation**

Maintenance of the dam and the operating facilities is at a minimum and on an as-needed basis. Procedures should be better documented inline with the greater public interest in dam safety. A semi-annual dam inspection should be initiated using a visual check list format similar to the one used in this report. Maintenance should be scheduled and all visits to the dam site for maintenance, repairs and operation should be logged. Lake levels should be logged in conjunction with operating visits.
SECTION 5

5. HYDRAULIC / HYDROLOGIC

5.1 Evaluation of Features

a. Design Data

The evaluation of the hydraulic and hydrologic features of Crescent Lake Dam was based on criteria set forth in the Corps' Guidelines for Phase I Inspection, and additional guidance provided by the New England Division, Corps of Engineers. The Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) was estimated from guide curves for probable maximum flood for New England region, based on past Corps' studies. The PMF peak versus drainage area curves are presented in the section of Hydrologic Computations, Appendix D.

The PMF curve applicable for rolling areas was adopted for the estimation of the PMF peak of the reservoir. The PMF versus Drainage Area relationship can be expressed mathematically as follows:

\[ Q = 2323 - 676.99 \log_{10} A \]

\[ Q_p = Q \times A \]

where:

- \( Q \) = Unit peak discharge in cfs/square miles
- \( Q_p \) = Peak PMF discharge, in cfs, for the reservoir
- \( A \) = Watershed area, in square miles, upstream of the dam axis.

The computed peak discharges of the PMF and one half of the PMF for a drainage area of 36 square miles using the above equation are 45,000 cfs
and 22,700 cfs respectively. A triangular shaped flood hydrograph was assumed for the inflow design hydrograph.

Both the PMF and one half of the PMF inflow hydrographs were routed through the reservoir by the modified Puls Methods, utilizing computer program HEC-1. The peak outflow discharges for the PMF and one half of the PMF are 12,748 cfs and 4,592 cfs, respectively. Both the PMF and one half of the PMF result in overtopping of the dam.

The stage-outflow relationship for the spillway and the reservoir stage-capacity were constructed using comparisons of both dam inventory data and planimetered areas, measured from 15-minute quadrangle topography maps. Reservoir storage capacity includes surcharge levels exceeding the top of the dam and the spillway rating curve assumes that the dam remains intact during routing. In the routing computations, the discharge through the low level outlet facilities was excluded due to its insignificant magnitude, as compared to the spillway discharge and the PMF. The spillway rating curve and the reservoir capacity curve are presented in the section of Hydrologic Computations, Appendix D.

Since the spillway of the dam is incapable of passing the PMF or one half PMF without overtopping the dam, an assessment of the downstream hazards due to a flood wave that would result with a hypothetical dam failure was also estimated. The magnitude of the flood wave was estimated using a generally accepted "rule of thumb" computational procedure promulgated by the New England Division, Corps of Engineer, in combination with sound hydrologic engineering judgement.

Calculations for flood routing of the dam break hydrograph for the downstream river reach are also given in the section of Hydrologic Computations. The computation shows that a hypothetical dam break involving the entire timber section between the massive abutments would release a lake discharge.
of approximately 2,680 cfs and the flood stage in the immediate down-
stream would be about 5 feet. The stage computation is based on prelimi-
inary data and must be verified in detail. The flood stage could affect
the structural stability of buildings in the downstream reach whose
foundation tops are below the inundation level, and could cause injuries
and deaths.

b. **Experience Data**

The maximum recorded spillway depth at Crescent Lake Dam was 1.9 feet,
corresponding to a discharge of approximately 1,000 cubic feet per second.

c. **Visual Observations**

The entire dam with the exception of the concrete dam facing wall exten-
sion on the left abutment is a spillway section. The original cut stone
masonry is an effective energy dissipating system at low heads over the
crest. Heavy tree and brush growth on the overbank downstream of the
left spillway section could obstruct part of the spillway if uprooted
by erosive action of spillway waters during PMF magnitude flood events.

d. **Overtopping Potential**

As indicated in Section 5.1 - a., both the PMF and one half of the PMF
when routed through Crescent Lake Reservoir, result in overtopping the
dam. The spillway and reservoir surcharge capacities are too small to
accommodate the peak flows. The PMF and one half PMF overtopped the dam
by 6.06 feet and 2.06 feet respectively. These levels affect the
stability of the structure, as discussed in Section 6. The spillway is
only capable of passing a flood equal to 26 percent of the PMF without
overtopping the dam. Since the PMF is the Spillway Test Flood
for this dam, according to the Recommended Guidelines for Inspection of
Dams by the Corps, the spillway capacity of the Crescent Lake Dam is
considered "Inadequate".
SECTION 6

6. STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observations

Visual observations regarding the structural stability of the dam indicate that the dam's masonry spillway section stonework is laid up without mortar and, as a consequence, will probably not allow the build up of uplift pressures within the cross section of the dam. This effect is beneficial to the stability but poses problems with water tightness.

The concrete facing on the downstream side of the dam was added in 1957. Previous inspection reports indicated that a source of leakage had been discovered in the left spillway section, but because of the general overflow conditions on the days of inspection, this leak could not be located for verification. The stability of the dam is not thought to be affected by this leakage because headwater pressures are probably rapidly dissipated in the open masonry work and the blocks are massive enough and well interlocked to maintain stability. Nevertheless, until the leakage area can be inspected in the dry, without spillway water obscuring its source and quantity, no definite conclusions can be reached.

The missing masonry blocks from the timber dam section abutments constitute a weight reduction of the mass resisting the horizontal water thrust by gravity action, and should be restored for this consideration as well as hydraulic ones.

b. Design and Construction Data

No plans or cross sections exist for the dam and no foundation data is available. No assessment of structural stability is possible without a set of coherent as-built drawings.
On the basis of visual examination of the structure and the field inspection sketches, it is felt that the stability of the spillway sections and the masonry abutment sections is not of immediate concern, especially in view of the satisfactory service record of the dam in its 124-year existence.

The timber section of the dam has been framed as shown on Drawing 2. All dimensions are approximate. The framing at the sill is subject to revision since that part of the timber dam could not be seen and the conditions depicted in the sketch are the inspection team's interpretation of conditions described by Mr. Thaddeus Berry, the person in charge of the operation of the dam. If the timber framing does in fact correspond to what is shown on the sketch, then the stresses in the 2 by 8 in. timber plank dam face should be investigated for overstress at normal and PMF lake levels.

c. Operating Records
The dam has remained in service over 124 years and high water summaries in NH-WRB files for the years 1867-1888, 1920, 1933 and 1936 indicate that lake levels up to 1.9 feet over the dam's spillway crest have been experienced and have been withstood without significant damage.

d. Post Construction Changes
The concrete wall was added to the upstream face of the masonry spillway sections in 1957, and has an undetermined effect on the stability of the structure. If the concrete wall replaced some other less effective impervious barrier, then the stability of the dam is basically unchanged from what was intended by the original designer of the dam. If the concrete wall was meant to add an impervious barrier, to a previously pervious or porous structure, then the original design conditions have changed. In either case, the structure as it stands today has been in service for 21 years and stability will have to be assessed on current conditions even if they do not correspond to what was originally envisaged.
e. **Seismic Stability**

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2 and, in accordance with the Recommended Phase I Guidelines, does not warrant seismic analyses.
SECTION 7

7. ASSESSMENT / REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Condition

The overall physical condition of Crescent Lake Dam is good to fair. The dam has an inadequate spillway capacity, capable of passing only 25 percent of the PMF without overtopping the abutment. The determination of the spillway capacity was made according to Corps of Engineers screening criteria and should be verified by the owner using more sophisticated and accurate methods and procedures.

Even though the dam is probably founded on granite ledge rock, overtopping the abutment carries an element of risk, in that adjacent gravity section could be undercut and destabilized. The capacity of the spillway section could be reduced by trees being uprooted during PMF level floods in the immediate downstream areas adjoining the spillway section and blocking the crest.

The stability of the timber dam abutments can be restored to their original values by replacing vandalized top course masonry blocks to their original position from their current location in the discharge channel.

Stresses in the members of the timber dam section should be computed using a properly dimensioned framing plan of the structure. The plan should contain information on the framing at the bottom sill which was not visible under tailwater during the inspection. The stresses should be computed for loading cases where the water level is at the top of the spillover section and also for the SDF condition. The stresses in the timber face planking are believed to be especially in need of assessment.
The low level outlet operating platform is believed to be unsafe at high lake levels and subject to being swept away at PMF levels. No safe dry access to this platform exists now at high lake levels from either abutment. The low level outlet gate hoist mechanism has a gear shaft bearing cap replacement made out of wood which could fail at a critical time and render the low level outlet inoperable which could result in higher spillway depths.

b. Adequacy of Information
The lack on in-depth engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of this dam could not be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history and sound engineering judgement.

c. Urgency
The urgency of performing the recommendations and remedial measures are detailed below.

d. Need for Additional Investigations
There is no need for further investigations in this phase of the program. Recommended investigations to be carried out by the owner are listed below.

7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the owner within 12 months after receipt of this Phase I Report assemble the following information:

a. Data Acquisition

(1) A complete set of as-built drawings of the dam, including details of foundation levels, details
of the concrete facing, details of the timber dam, spot elevations of the tops of masonry crest blocks downstream of the concrete facing wall, and details of low level outlet and its hoist.

(2) A topographic survey of the area downstream of the spillway sections including location of trees over 3 inches in diameter and showing details of the bank protection along the Smith River for approximately 150 feet downstream of the dam axis.

b. Investigations
Determine the spillway capacity of the dam using more sophisticated and accurate methods than were used in the Phase I screening methodology employed in this report, including the routing of the inflow through the lake. A tailwater rating curve should be computed for very large discharge volumes. Spillway and outlet rating curves should be adjusted for possible effects to submergence.

Based on the results of the spillway capacity analyses, the owner should formulate plans for augmenting the spillway capacity, if shown necessary.

7.3 Remedial Measures
a. Alternatives
Alternate actions to be considered in increasing the spillway capacity of the dam are:

(1) Increasing the abutment height as required to pass the SDF over the crest of the spillway. Provide adequate energy dissipation if needed.
(2) Lower the lake level to provide additional storage in anticipation of large flooding events.

(3) Provide additional spillway capacity by constructing an auxiliary spillway channel on either abutment.

(4) Lower the existing crest of the dam and maintain the current lake levels by the use of flash boards.

(5) A combination of the above methods.

b. **O & M Maintenance and Procedures**

The owner should initiate the following programs:

(1) A semi-annual inspection of the dam utilizing a visual check list similar to that used in this inspection report.

(2) Set up a maintenance schedule and log all visits to the dam for operation, repairs and maintenance.

(3) Assemble and keep on hand complete documentation of the dam design, as-built drawings, and any other data pertaining to the dam safety.

(4) Repair of low level outlet gate hoist bearing cap.

(5) Clearing timber and brush from the area downstream of the spillway section of dam for an approximate distance of 35 feet, regrading of the area and protection of stream bank slopes where the spillway water rejoins the stream.
(6) Removal of large abutment blocks from the downstream channel and restoring them to their former locations on top of the dam.

(7) The owner should establish a formal system with local officials for warning downstream residents in case of emergency. Round the clock surveillance should be provided by the owner during periods of unusually heavy precipitation.
APPENDIX A

CHECK LISTS:  - VISUAL OBSERVATIONS
              - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE DATA
              - HYDRAULIC AND HYDROLOGIC DATA
              ENGINEERING DATA
N.H. NO NAME 107
(CRESCENT LAKE DAM)

Name Dam

County Carroll

State New Hampshire

Coordinates

June 6, 1978

Date(s) Inspection

Weather Cloudy

Temperature 75°F

Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection 534.65 M.S.L.

Tailwater at Time of Inspection 528.25 M.S.L.

Inspection Personnel:

Seymour Roth, June 7
David Kereks, June 7
Yin Au-Yeung, June 6

Recorder: Seymour M. Roth

William Flynn, June 6
Lynn Brown, June 6

Present for the owner on June 6:

Mr. Guy Krapp, City Manager - Town of Wolfeboro
Mr. Thaddeus Berry, In charge of Dam Operation

Note: NA means not applicable
## CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

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<td><strong>SEEPAGE OR LEAKAGE</strong></td>
<td>No seepage could be observed because the dam was overflowing for the full length. Leakage observed during previous inspection could not be verified. Drawdown of the lake is not possible on short notice because of lake's very large storage area.</td>
<td>Reinspect downstream face of dam in detail during time when Crescent Lake is below crest of spillway in the late fall.</td>
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<td><strong>STRUCTURE TO ABUTMENT/EMBANKMENT JUNCTIONS</strong></td>
<td>On the left abutment, a 10-inch thick concrete cutoff and facing wall has been placed in front of the granite block masonry gravity structure and extended into higher ground. On the right abutment, a 20-inch thick concrete cutoff and facing wall in front of granite masonry runs into higher exposed ledge rock. No leakage was observed at either end of the dam.</td>
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<td><strong>DRAINS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>WATER PASSAGES</strong></td>
<td>At the center of the masonry dam, in line with the downstream channel of Smith River, a timber dam approximately 20 feet wide spans across massive abutments. The timber dam contains a wooden sluice gate estimated at 42 inches square. A previously used log sluice opening has been inadequately boarded up and is leaking.</td>
<td>Adequately close off unused log sluice opening to reduce through dam leakage to practicable minimum.</td>
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<td><strong>FOUNDATIONS</strong></td>
<td>Ledge rock underlies the site and is exposed. The ledge rock is a medium grained granitic rock called quartz diorite.</td>
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<td>Surface Cracks</td>
<td>The dam was awash at the time of inspection. The 20-inch thick concrete cutoff and facing wall was added in 1957 and appears to have sustained no major cracking on the visible top surface.</td>
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<td>No structural cracking could be observed in the concrete facing wall top surface.</td>
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<td>The dam rest is composed of rough cut granite blocks, laid without mortar, but apparently well chinked and interlocked. The joints are open. The granite construction dates to 1854. The upstream concrete cutoff and facing wall constructed in 1957 forms the primary crest of the spillway and is in good vertical and horizontal alignment, varying approximately 1 inch over the length of the dam. The original granite construction behind the concrete facing wall is approximately 6 to 7-foot wide at the top. The tops of the granite blocks are from 0 to 8 inches higher than the top of the facing wall. Overflow water on the facing wall passes through the joints and chinks of the granite blocks behind the wall.</td>
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<td>Monolith Joints</td>
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<td>The original masonry consists of massive granite stones, rough dressed, approximately 2 to 4 cubic feet each in volume laid up dry but well chinked and interlocked. Some top course stones of the massive river wall abutments supporting the timber dam section have been vandalized and tipped into the river bed below.</td>
<td>Restore vandalized stones to river wall abutments</td>
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<td>face of the timber dam section. There are no concrete surfaces.</td>
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<td>The entire dam is an overflow structure. The granite masonry is faced on the upstream side by a 20-inch concrete wall whose top is level and smooth and has been provided with flash pins at approximately 6 feet on centers. No flash boards are in use, and no future use is intended. The granite blocks behind the concrete facing wall are irregularly laid with open joints. At very low overflow depths the water over the concrete wall runs between the open joints of the top course of the granite masonry blocks.</td>
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<td>The water spilling over spillway crest on the left abutment flows into an intensely overgrown overbank area and then flows toward the downstream river channel. On the right abutment, the water flows behind the timber section abutment wall and joins the downstream channel downstream of it.</td>
<td>Remove trees and vegetation downstream of left abutment spillway section. Regrade ground as necessary to provide a clear spillway outlet channel.</td>
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<td>BRIDGE AND PIERS</td>
<td>A timber walkway and gate operating platform have been provided over the timber dam section. There is no safe access to the low level outlet gate operating hoist at high overflow lake levels.</td>
<td>Provide a safe access to the low level outlet gate hoist from the right abutment during high lake levels.</td>
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<td>A staff gage for measuring the lake level has been provided at the gate operating platform near the right abutment.</td>
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<td>The lake rim of Crescent Lake are moderately flat and in the natural state. Development along the rim is sparse and the shores are mainly covered by substantial tree growth. No rim formation instability was readily apparent.</td>
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<td>SEDIMENTATION</td>
<td>There was not sedimentation apparent. Crescent Lake is connected to the larger Lake Wentworth and the combined volume of the lakes is very large minimizing sedimentation effects.</td>
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<td>CONDITION (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)</td>
<td>The downstream channel is known locally as Smith River. The channel is well defined moderately to steeply sloping, approx. 25-foot wide. There are no obstructions in the channel itself, but the overbanks are overgrown with trees and brush.</td>
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<td>SLOPES</td>
<td>The banks are well defined, approximately 6 to 8 feet high and have slopes of 1 vertical on 2 horizontal.</td>
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<td>APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION</td>
<td>None observed in immediate vicinity of dam. There is development further downstream at Wolfboro, approximately 20-30 structures.</td>
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Name of Dam: N.H. NO NAME 107 (CRESSENT LAKE DAM)

Drainage Area Characteristics: 36 square miles on Crescent Lake

Elevation Top Normal Pool (Storage Capacity): 534.50

Elevation Top Flood Control Pool (Storage Capacity): NA

Elevation Maximum Design Pool: Elev. 537.17

Elevation Top Dam: Elev. 537.17

SPILLWAY CREST:
  a. Elevation 534.50
  b. Type Broad crest overflow
  c. Width Varies from 9 inches to 2 feet
  d. Length 130.17 (total)
  e. Location Spillover Entire structure
  f. No. and Type of Gates None

OUTLET WORK:
  a. Type Wood sluice gate (3.5 x 3.5)
  b. Location Center of timber structure
  c. Entrance Inverts 522.75 (estimated)
  d. Exit Inverts 522.75 (estimated)
  e. Emergency Draindown Facilities None

HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES:
  a. Type Staff Gage
  b. Location Upstream face of dam, at timber structure
  c. Records Unknown

MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE 1,000 cfs
APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHS

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON JUNE 6, 1978
Photo 1 - View of dam from the right abutment looking along the axis of the dam. The short right spillover section is in the foreground, showing the original masonry gravity section and the upstream concrete facing wall. Flash-pins visible in foreground are not in use. The walkway over the timber dam section and the low level outlet sluice gate hoist are visible in the background.

Photo 2 - View of the left spillover section from the downstream side. The upstream face of the spillover section has a concrete facing similar to the one shown on Photo 1.
Photo 3 - View of the left masonry abutment of the timber dam from the right abutment. Note missing stones on the top course.

Photo 4 - View of the right masonry abutment of the timber dam.
Photo 5 - View of the upstream face of the dam from the lake. Note that the left spillover section of the dam is obstructed by tree growth downstream of it.

Photo 6 - View of the downstream channel of the Squam River.
APPENDIX C

PLATES

PLANS & DETAILS OF DAM - Drawings 1 & 2
GEOLOGIC MAP - Drawing 3
APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC COMPUTATIONS
CRESCENT LAKE DAM
DRAINAGE BASIN

DRAINAGE AREA
= 36 SQ M.
Minimum Design Flood Peak Flow Rate

According to NDE General Curve

Assume Rating Area:

\[ Q = 2.223 - 1.712.99 \log A \]

\[ A = 25 \text{ sq mile} \]

\[ Q = 25 \times 2.223 = 55.575 \text{ cfs} \]

Since MFE runoff in New England equals approx 19 inches according to NDE guideline:

the triangular hydrograph will be approximate to the following shape:

\[ t = \left[ \frac{19}{12} \times \frac{\text{cfs} \times \text{sq mile}}{21,892,800} \right] / 3600 \times 24 \]

\[ t = 1.5 \text{ hours} \]

\[ Q_0 = 55.575 \text{ cfs} \]

\[ T = 30 \text{ hours} \]

\[ X = \text{(shown)} \]
CERAMENT LAKE DAM

EFFECT OF DAM FAILURE

STEP: 
SEISMIC FAILURE OCCURS

\[ Q_{1.1} = \frac{g}{(V_f \cdot h)^{1/2}} \cdot \gamma \cdot V \]

\( W_0 = 0.40 \times \text{DAM LENGTH ACROSS RIVER} \)

\( V \) 
AT MIDHEIGHT

ASSUME \( W_0 \) TO BE EQUAL TO THE

WIDTH OF THE WELL DEFINED CHANNEL

20 FT. (FROM SKETCH) FOR DAM

FAILURE STUDY

\( \gamma_0 = \text{TOTAL HEIGHT FROM RIVER BED} \)

TO TOP OF DAM

\( \gamma_0 = 12' + 2.7' = 14.7' \) (FROM SKETCH

AND RATING CURVE)

\[ Q_{f1} = \frac{g}{(V_f \cdot h)^{1/2}} \times 20 \times \sqrt{64.7 \times (14.7)} \]

\[ Q_{f1} = 2640 \text{ CF/S} \]
**STEP 2:** DEVELOP STAGE DISCHARGE CURVES FOR THE LOWER CHANNEL.

The stage-discharge rating curve for the downstream channel of the dam is shown on page 4 (assumptions same as for Stinson Lake Dam).

**STEP 3:** DETERMINE STAGE CORRESPONDING TO Qp FROM THE STAGE DISCHARGE RATING CURVE.

**PEAK DISCHARGE** \( Q_p = 2680 \text{ cfs} \)

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Assume $n = 0.10$.

Channel Slope, $S = 16/1320 = 0.00756$ ft/ft.
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### DAM SAFETY INSPECTION - NEW HAMPSHIRE

**CRESCENT LAKE DAM**

**ONE HALF PH FLOOD**

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- CFS: 90000.00
- INCHES: 630.50
- AC-FT: 37590.00

**SUMMARY:**

- CFS: 105000.00
- INCHES: 794.50
- AC-FT: 37590.00

**NOTE:** The above data is preliminary and subject to revision.
APPENDIX E

INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE
NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS
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