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Free Low Hazard Dam Inspections

Registration is now open for free low-hazard dam inspections. This offer includes an on-site inspection, full inspection report, and a breach inundation map. Since state law requires low hazard dam owners to complete an inspection every five years, dam owners are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Registrants will learn inspection and maintenance techniques to prolong the lives of their dams and manage the liabilities associated with dam ownership. Please visit www.owrb.ok.gov/damsafety or contact our dam safety staff for information and registration.

Register for DamWatch

If you are a high hazard dam owner and have not registered for or have questions regarding the DamWatch software, please contact OWRB Dam Safety staff at (405)530-8800.

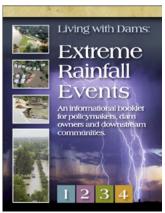
DamWatch software is a complimentary service furnished by the OWRB to all high hazard dam owners across the state. This software-as-a-service application enables authorized users to monitor their dams securely and access Emergency Action Plans, inspection reports, and other relevant information.

Inspection Reports Due December 31

The OWRB would like to remind all dam owners and their engineers to submit inspection reports to the OWRB by December 31. State law requires annual inspections for high hazard-potential dams and triennial inspections for significant hazard-potential dams. Reports must contain, at a minimum, the inspection checklist, a detailed description of deficiencies and recommendations, and labeled and dated color photographs.

ASDSO e-Booklet Extreme Rainfall Events

The ASDSO has published a new e-booklet, Living with Dams: Extreme Rainfall Events, that discusses the responsibilities of



dam owners, policymakers, and downstream communities in preparing for and reacting to extreme weather. The Living with Dams e-booklet series was created to inform dam owners, dam safety officials, lawmakers and concerned citizens about what purposes dams serve, what risks are associated with dams and where to get information about how to react if you are affected by a dam. Find both e-booklets online at http://livingneardams.org.

Thank You for Attending our Workshops

The OWRB would like to thank the twenty dam owners, engineers, law enforcement officers, and emergency managers who participated in our DamWatch workshop this August, as well as the fifty-one engineers who attended our technical workshop, Common Repair Methods and Upgrades for Dams, in September. The OWRB would also like to thank engineers Brad Kirksey, Mike Shiflett, and Marc Miller from Freese and Nichols, Inc. for speaking at the technical workshop and sharing their expertise.

Upcoming Events

ASDSO Webinar: Rainfall and Dam Safety - From PMP to the 100-Year Storm October 13

ASDSO Webinar: Human Factors in Dam Failure and Safety November 10

ASDSO Seminar: Inspection and Assessment of Dams, Columbia, SC November 17-19

Oklahoma Governor's Water Conference & Research Symposium, Norman, OK December 1-2

December 8 ASDSO Webinar: Seepage Rehabilitation for Embankment Dams

March 9-11, 2016 ASDSO 2016 National Conference, Sacramento, CA



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