



Preliminary Inspection Report for South Carolina Regulated Dams and Impoundment Structures Regulations R.72-1 through R.72-9

Section I (Owner's Information)

A. Dam Number: D ____ & Hazard Class ____ B. Name of Dam: _____
C. Inspection Date (_ / _ / 20 __) & Time: _____ D. Date of Last Inspection: (_ / _ / ____)
E. Location-County/City: _____ / _____ F. EQC Regional Office: _____
G. Inspector's Name: _____
H. Owner's Name: _____
I. Contact Person (if different from above): _____
J. Dam Owner's or Contact Person's Phone Numbers: Home (___) ____ - ____
Office (___) ____ - ____
Other (___) ____ - ____
K. Dam Owner's or Contact Person's mailing address:
Address 1 _____
Address 2 (optional) _____
City _____, State ____ Zip Code _____ - _____

Section II (Dam Condition)

General Condition Assessment (Select one of the following):

- a) Satisfactory b) Fair c) Poor d) Unsatisfactory e) Not Rated

Section III (Dam Inspection Checklist)

A. Dam Crest

- i. Vegetation (grass, trees weeds)? _____
ii. Animal activity observed? _____
iii. Any obvious alteration or repairs made? _____
iv. Erosion noticed on crest? _____
v. Any visible settlement, misalignment or cracks? _____

Section III (Dam Inspection Checklist) continued

B. Upstream Slope

- i. Vegetation (grass, trees weeds)? _____
- ii. Animal activity observed? _____
- iii. Any obvious alterations or repairs made? _____
- iv. Erosion observed on upstream slope? _____
- v. Settlement or cracks visible in slope? _____

C. Down Stream Slope

- i. Vegetation (grass, trees weeds)? _____
- ii. Animal activity observed? _____
- iii. Any obvious alterations or repairs made? _____
- iv. Erosion observed on down stream slope? _____
- v. Settlement or cracks visible in slope? _____
- vi. Toe drains flowing? _____
- vii. Any seepage observed? If so, describe location, flow rate, and any turbidity or color within the flow: _____

D. Primary Spillway

- i. Any visible deterioration of structure? _____
- ii. Is there an obvious need to repair or replace trash rack? _____
- iii. Any noticeable problems with debris? _____
- iv. Is valve or gate present? _____

E. Outlet Pipe

- i. Any water visibly flowing or leaking outside of the discharge pipe? _____
- ii. Describe any deflection or damage observed to the pipe: _____
- iii. Visible condition of outlet channel: _____

F. Auxiliary (Emergency) Spillway

- i. Noticeable obstructions to flow? _____
- ii. Animal activity observed? _____
- iii. Any noticeable deterioration in the approach or discharge channel? _____
- iv. Any visible deterioration of structure's crest? _____

F. Auxiliary (Emergency) Spillway continued

v. If applicable, any observed exposure of rebar reinforcement? _____

vi. If applicable, any visible leakage below concrete spillway? _____

H. Downstream/Hazard Class Issues

i. Any noticeable changes immediately downstream of the dam that affects the hazard classification? _____

I. Emergency Action Plan (EAP)

i. Emergency Action Plan provided by owner? _____

ii. Does EAP contains emergency alert notification plan? If so, when was it last updated? _____

iii. Does EAP contain specific actions to take if the dam has failed or is near failure? _____

Section IV (Conclusions)

General comments and recommendations:

Preliminary Dam Inspection Disclaimer:

The information contained in the preliminary inspection report is intended as an aid to identify those dams that require maintenance and/or repair actions to reduce their danger to human life or property only. It is not intended as professional engineering or consulting advice for conditions or situations present at individual dams. It is not a substitute for a detailed inspection, nor does it replace the need for services provided by registered professional engineers. If your dam is experiencing an unusual situation consult with engineering professionals to find an appropriate remedy. Preliminary inspections conducted by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (the Department) are provided "AS IS" and "as available", without warranties of any kind, either express or implied. Preliminary inspections consist only of a visual but technical examination of the dam and its appurtenant works. All findings are based solely on visual observations of the inspector at the time of the inspection. Common law holds that the storage of water is a hazardous activity and the Department does not assume any responsibility or risk for your actions or inactions. Dam owners are responsible for the safe operations and maintenance of their impoundment structures.

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R.72-1 through R.72-9

INSTRUCTIONS

Purpose: To satisfy the inspection requirements for high and significant hazard dams regulated by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. See R.72-1 through R. 72-9.

Who will complete the form: Regional engineers and inspectors engaged in the dams and reservoir safety program performing dam inspections.

Section I (Owner's Information):

- A) Dam Number; Enter the Dam's inventory number.
- B) Name of Dam; Enter the common name of dam found within EFIS.
- C) Inspection Month & Time; Enter the day, month, year, and time in which the inspections was performed.
- D) Date of Last Inspection; Enter the day, month, and year, in which the last inspection was performed.
- E) Location-County/City; Enter the county and city, if applicable, where the dam is located.
- F) EQC Regional Office; Enter the DHEC EQC Regional office that covers the area in which the dam is located.
- G) Inspector's Name: Enter the name of the person performing the inspection.
- H) Owner's Name: Enter the name of the person owning the dam. If there is multiple owners list them and their contact information in the "General comments and recommendations are in section IV.
- I) Contact Person; Enter the name of the person that represents the dam owner during the inspection. This person should be authorized to remedy any deficiencies found by the inspector.
- J) Dam Owner's or Contact Person's Phone Numbers; Enter the home, office, and other available numbers for the Dam owner or Contact person.
- K) Dam Owner's or Contact Person's mailing address; Enter the dam owner's or contact person's mailing address including city state and zip code.

Section II (Dam Condition):

Once the inspection is completed indicate the general condition of the dam. The assessment can be one of the following four categories:

- a) SATISFACTORY- No existing or potential dam safety deficiencies are recognized. Acceptable performance is expected under all loading conditions in accordance with state engineer's rules and regulations for dams or tolerable risk guidelines.

- b) FAIR- No existing dam safety deficiencies are recognized for normal loading conditions. Rare or extreme hydrologic and/or seismic events may result in a dam safety deficiency. Risk may be in the range to take further action.
- c) POOR- A dam safety deficiency is recognized for loading conditions, which may realistically occur. Remedial action is necessary. A POOR condition is used when uncertainties exist as to critical analysis parameters, which identify a potential dam safety deficiency. Further investigations and studies are necessary.
- d) UNSATISFACTORY- A dam safety deficiency is recognized that requires immediate or emergency remedial action for problem resolution.
- e) NOT RATED- This should only be used if it is not possible to assess to dam's condition due to site constraints on visibility on the day of inspection. If vegetation is a problem the owner should be ordered perform maintenance to remove it before the next visit.

Section III (Dam Inspection Checklist):

This section is self-explanatory and guides the inspector through the inspection process. Follow the dam inspection checklist to complete the inspection. Mark any deficiencies observed during the inspection. If there were the deficiencies reported during the last inspection cycle check to see if they were corrected. If items are not applicable to the inspection of the dam, mark not applicable. If the dams has issues that are not covered in this section of the form make note of them in section IV.

Section IV(Conclusions):

Use the space to list additional responsible parties (dam owners) and issues found during the inspection that are not addressed in section III, as well as any general comments and recommendations generated during the inspection.

Office Mechanisms and filing: The form must be sent to the Dam's owner(s) and filed with the Bureau of Water, Dams and Reservoir Safety Program, before the end of the following month after which the inspections were performed. The report will be filed in the Bureau of Water's file room and will be retained for at least three years after the Department certifies the removal of the inspected dam.