

APPENDIX C

EMERGENCY ACTION  
PLAN

# EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

FOR

COWPATH DAM AND SULLIVAN DAM

SHELBY, MONTANA

Owner-Operator: City of Shelby, Montana  
112 1<sup>st</sup> St S  
Shelby MT 59474

Mayor: Gary McDermott

Engineers: Triple Tree Engineering  
PO Box 162  
Helena, MT 59624

Updated: September 24, 2021

If Cowpath Dam or Sullivan Dam is failing or failure seems imminent, call:

All Emergency Services . . . . .	911/434-5585
Toole County Disaster and Emergency Services (24 hours)	
Kelsey Buckley, Coordinator . . . . .	Home . 450-8013
Gary McDermott, Mayor. . . . .	City Hall . 434-5222
	Cell . 450-1173
Jack Johannes, City Superintendent . . . .	City Shop . 434-5564
	Cell . 304-1307

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## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose

The purpose of this emergency action plan (EAP) is primarily to safeguard the lives of secondarily to reduce property damage to the citizens of Shelby in the event of flooding caused by a failure of Sullivan Dam or Cowpath Dam.

### Description of Dams

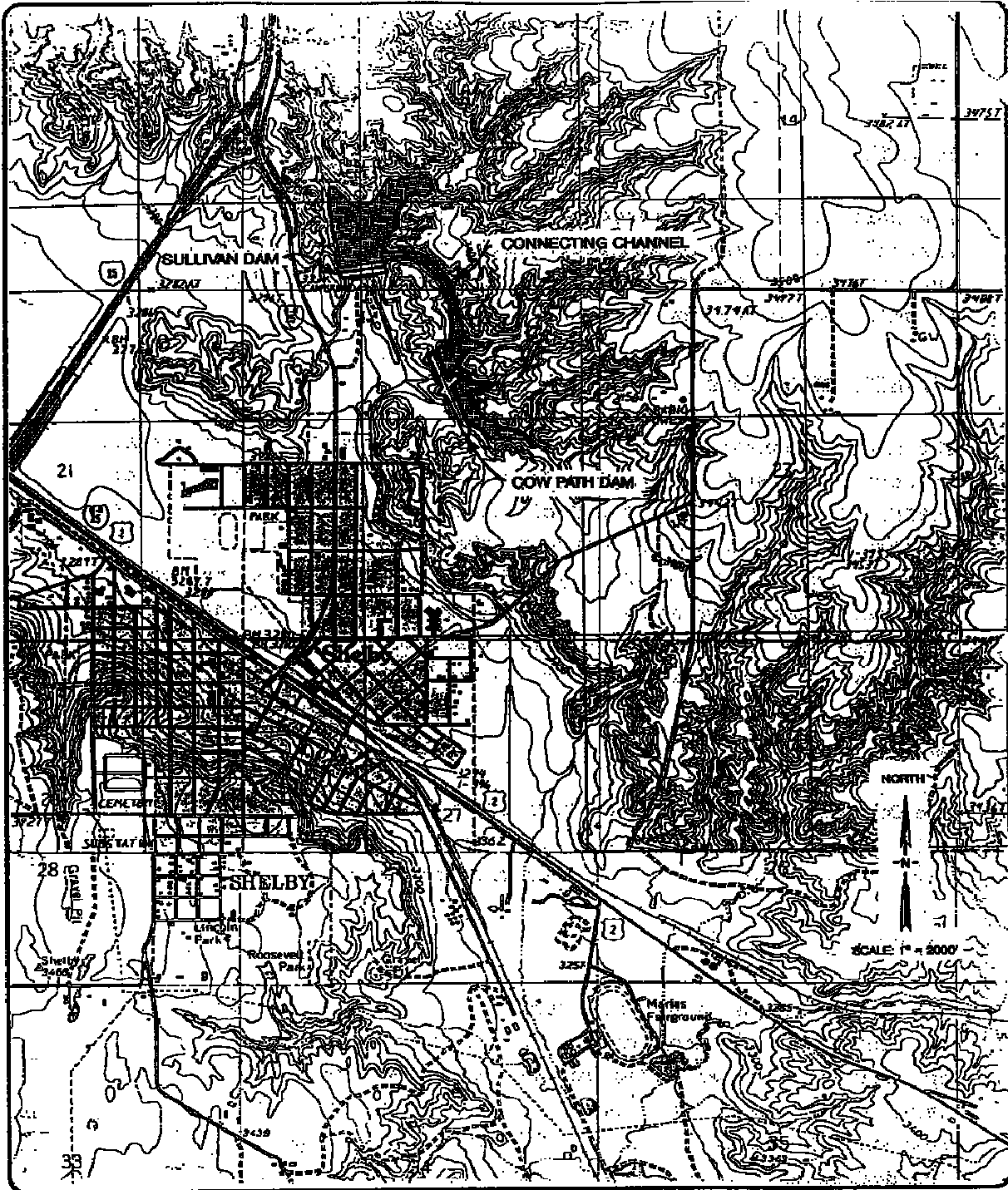
The Cowpath Dam/Sullivan Dam facility is located in the south 1/2 of Section 15, and the north 1/2 of Section 22, Township 32 North (T32N), Range 2 West (2W), Toole County, Montana. The dams are located on an unnamed tributary to the Marias River. The facility is owned by the City of Shelby and is used as a flood protection, recreation, and fish and wildlife storage facility. Technical data pertaining to the Cowpath Dam/Sullivan Dam facility are listed in Appendix A. The locations of the dams are shown on Figure 1.

### Access to Dams

The Cowpath Dam/Sullivan Dam facility is located approximately one-half mile north of Shelby along Business Route 15. Two gravel roads provide access to the dams from the highway.

### Hazard Area

The evacuation area extends through the City of Shelby and along the unnamed tributary to the confluence with the Marias River approximately seven miles to the south, as shown in Appendix B. Hazards include the possible inundation of commercial and residential buildings, the railroad and State Highway 2. Inundation and evacuation maps are included in Appendix B.



**COW PATH AND SULLIVAN DAMS**  
VICINITY MAP

**FIGURE 1**  
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Responsibility and Authority

Pursuant to the Dam Safety Act, Chapter 15 of Title 85, MCA, the dam owner is responsible for production, coordination, maintenance, and implementation of this emergency action plan. The extent of owner implementation was defined through coordination of this plan with the Toole County Sheriff and the Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) coordinator.

Periodic Review/Update


The owner will review/update this EAP annually. Review/update by a qualified professional engineer will be accomplished as required by the dam's operating permit, but no less than every five years.

Approval

By my signature, I acknowledge that I, or my representative, have reviewed this plan and agree to the tasks and responsibilities assigned herein for my department and/or agency.

TOOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT

DISASTER & EMERGENCY SERVICES

		11-02-2024	
Signature	Date	Signature	Date

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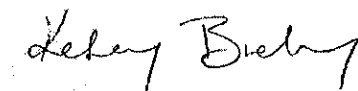
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## NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES

### Imminent or Actual Failure

If you reasonable believe a dam failure is imminent or likely to occur, begin the "Actual or Imminent Failure" warning procedure illustrated on Figure 2 (page 5). If you reasonably believe a failure is not imminent and not likely to occur, follow the "Potentially Hazardous Situation" procedure on Figure 3 (page 7).

**It is very important that you give full weight to downstream public safety while deciding which procedure to follow.** If Cowpath Dam and/or Sullivan Dam are failing, two things must be done immediately: (1) the hazard area downstream from the dam must be evacuated, and (2) any steps that might save the dam or reduce damage to the dam or hazard area downstream should be taken. (Refer to the map in Appendix B to determine the areas that are likely to be inundated if the dam fails). The evacuation should be initiated as shown in Figure 2.

It is the observer's responsibility to:

- a. Call the Emergency Services Dispatch Center (911) and Disaster and Emergency Services. Be sure to say, "This is an emergency." They will call other authorities and the media and begin the evacuation.
- b. Do whatever is necessary to bring anyone in immediate danger to safety. This includes someone on the dams, directly below the dams, or boating on the reservoir, or evacuees if so directed by the sheriff.
- c. Keep in frequent touch with the Sheriff's Office. They will tell you how to handle the emergency.
- d. If all means of communication are lost:
  - Try to find out why
  - Try to get to another radio or telephone that works
  - Get someone else to try to reestablish communications

If these means fail, handle the immediate problems as well as you can, and periodically try to reestablish contact with the Sheriff's Office. The Toole County Sheriff's Department will issue warnings to the general public in accordance with the Toole County Emergency Operations Plan.



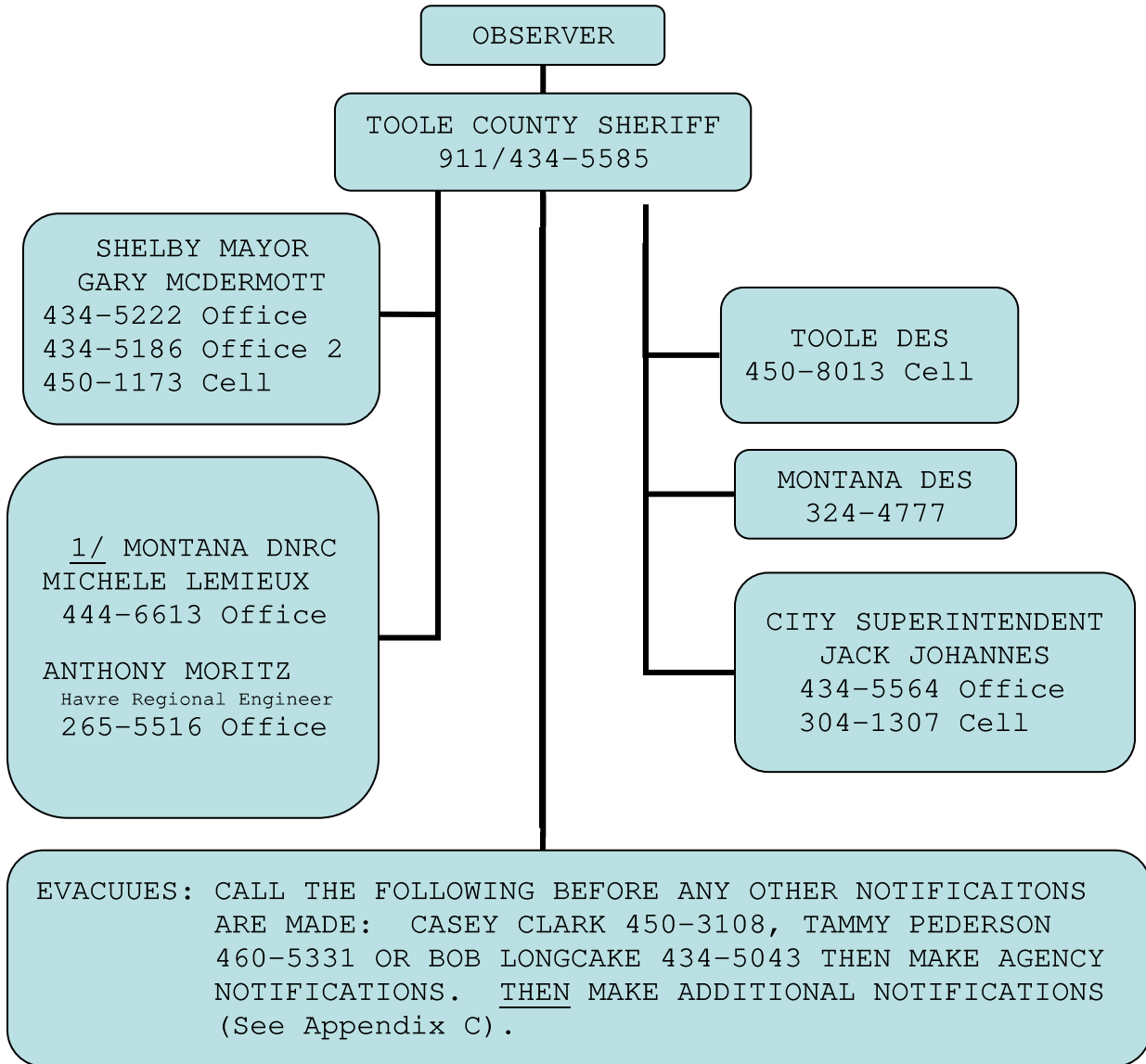
Figure 2

COWPATH/SULLIVAN DAMS

**ACTUAL OR IMMINENT FAILURE**

NOTIFICATION FLOWCHART

NEAREST PHONES TO THE DAM ARE:



1/ If unable to reach Montana Department of Natural Resources in the event of an emergency, call Montana DES at 327-4777 and ask for the DES Duty Officer.

### Potentially Hazardous Situation

A potentially hazardous situation is an event or condition not normally encountered in the routine operation of the dam and reservoir. Among the unusual occurrences that may affect the dam are embankment problems, failure of the spillways or outlet works, heavy precipitation or rapid spring snowmelt, landslides, earthquakes, erosion, theft, vandalism, acts of sabotage, and serious accidents. Potential problems, causes, consequences, and actions are presented in Appendix E. These occurrences may endanger the dam, the public, or the downstream valley and may necessitate a temporary or permanent revision of the dam's operating procedures. The City Superintendent or his designee will appropriately inspect and monitor conditions in response to unusual occurrences that may affect the dam's structures. Help in these situations can be obtained by notifying those people shown in Figure 3.

If the observed discovers an unusual condition of the dam embankment that could threaten the structure:

- a. Have a qualified engineer inspect the dam as soon as possible to determine whether emergency action is necessary
- b. Notify the Toole County Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator of the potential problem.
- c. Contact Dam Safety Program of the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

When the City Superintendent calls either an engineer or the DNRC to report a problem, use the form in Appendix D to ensure you can provide sufficient information for the engineer to analyze the problems. In addition, prepare a sketch periodically if the problem develops further. The Manual for Operation and Maintenance of Dry Fork Dam includes further guidelines for courses of action to take to mitigate the effect of any problems. Continue to evaluate structure for failure and begin appropriate notifications if failure seems likely (see Figure 2).

### Posting of the Notification Flowchart and Distribution of the Emergency Action Plan

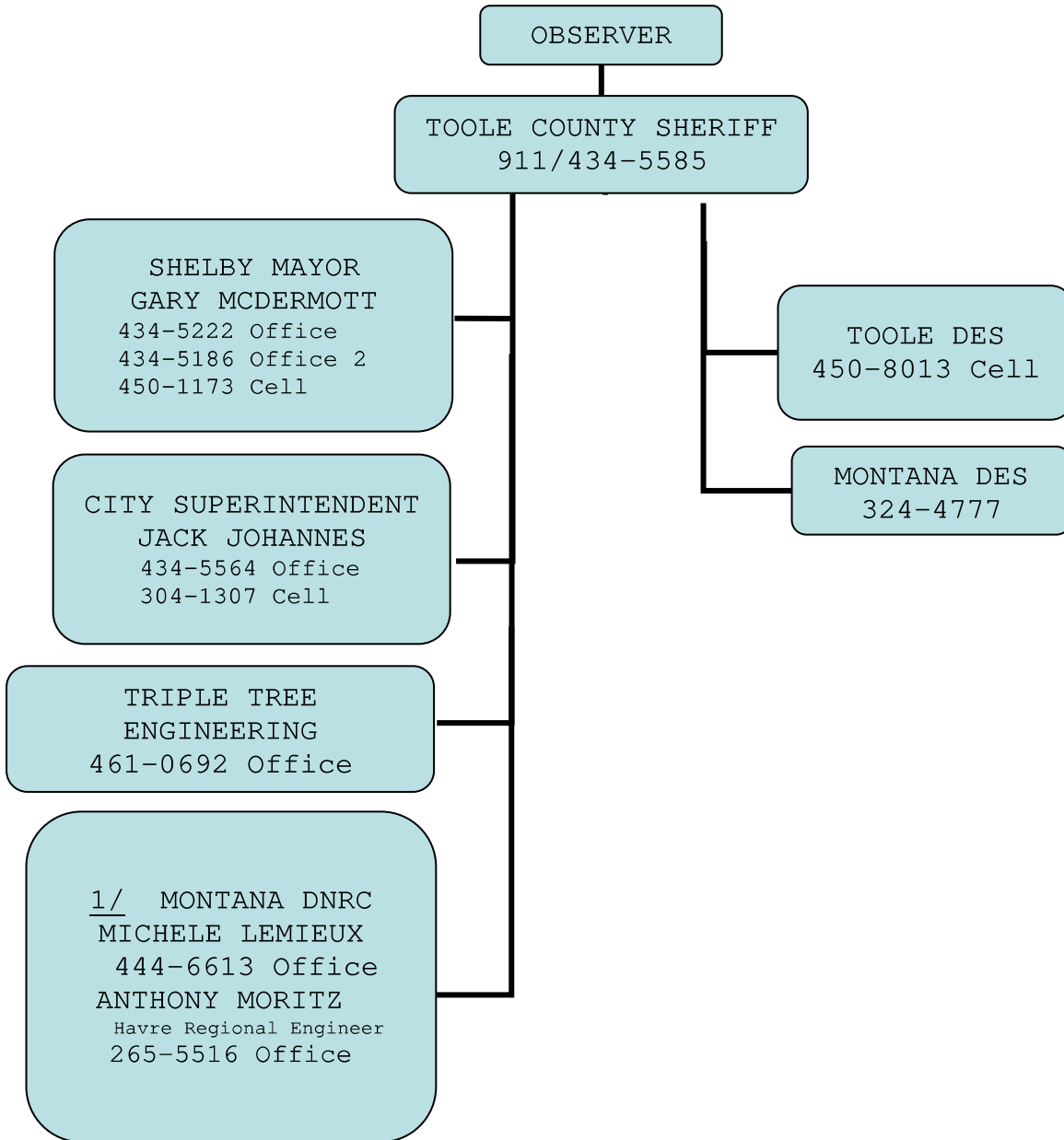
The Notification Flowchart is posted at the dam and a copy of the EAP is in the City Hall. The Toole County Sheriff's Office and the Toole County DES Coordinator also have copies of the plan.

FIGURE 3

COWPATH/SULLIVAN DAMS

**POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATION**

NOTIFICATION FLOWCHART



1/ Principal notification is noted by solid lines. If the first individual in a sequence is not contacted, Toole County Sheriff's Department will provide notification to those following.

MITIGATION ACTION

Besides normal monitoring of the dam's condition the owner will provide continuous monitoring and inspection during and after extreme events such as storms and earthquakes. Information on the magnitude of an earthquake or storm can be obtained from the DNRC Dam Safety Program. Actions are suggested to mitigate problems that may develop, but those actions should never be continued at the risk of injury or at the expense of lessening efforts related to evacuation.

POTENTIAL PROBLEMS AND IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ACTIONS

Potential problems, causes, consequences, and actions are presented in Appendix E.

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND RESOURCES

Soils suitable for emergency repairs are present in the original borrow areas used for construction of the facility. These areas are located at the west end of Sullivan Dam and on the southwest side of the connecting channel. Soils are also available at the City of Shelby landfill.

LOCAL CONTRACTORS

Shelby:	Toole County Road Department . . . . .	434-2742
	Hiline Redi-Mix . . . . .	434-5391
Conrad:	Sullivan Brothers Construction . . . . .	278-7940
Cut Bank:	Alme Construction . . . . .	873-4771
Sunburst:	Pro Automotive . . . . .	937-7400

ENGINEERS

Triple Tree Engineering, Helena, Montana . . . . .	461-0692
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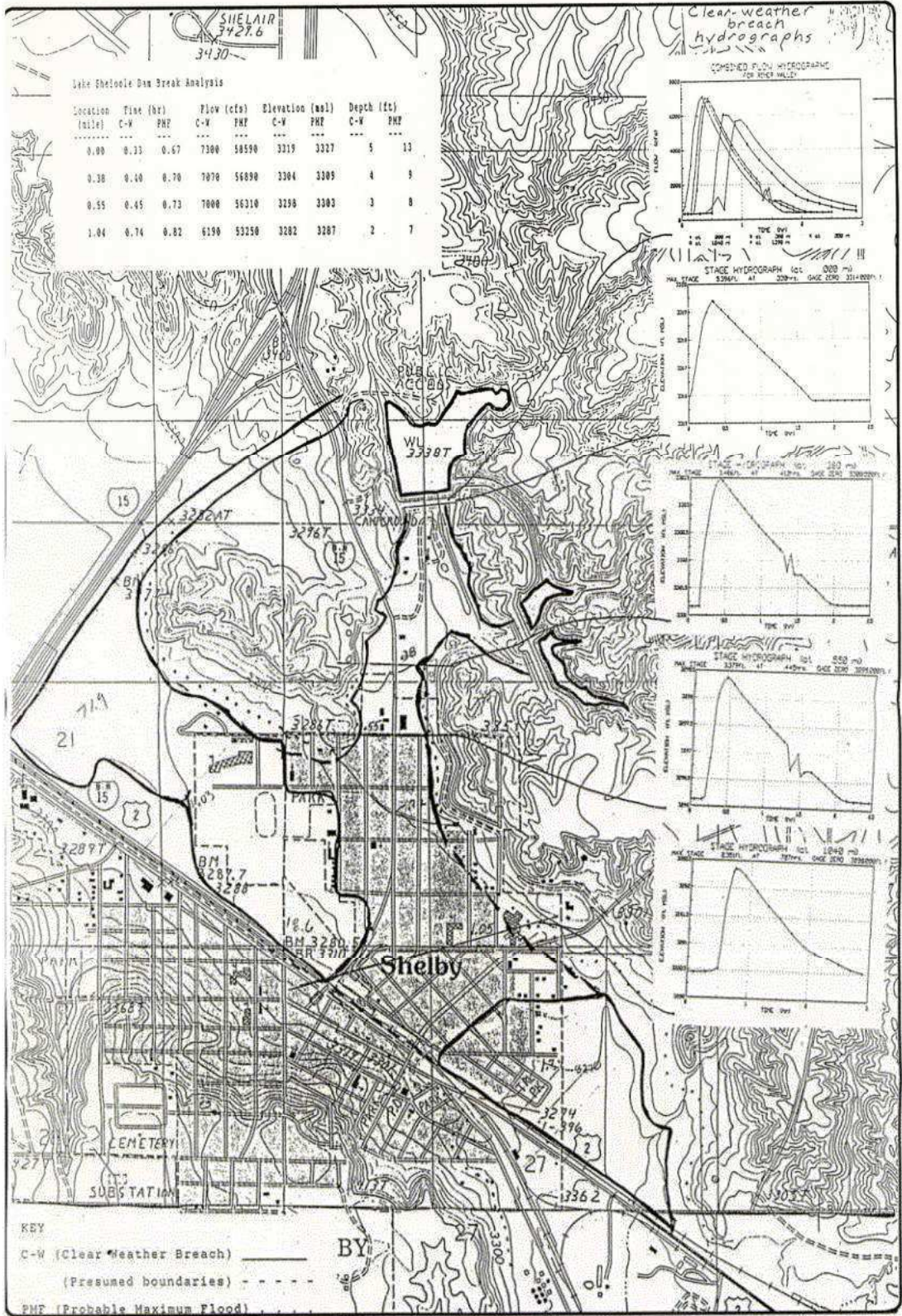
## APPENDIX A

### TECHNICAL DATA FOR COWPATH DAM AND SULLIVAN DAM 1/

Maximum Reservoir Capacity to the Crest of the Dam:	Cowpath: 940 acre feet Sullivan: 1,470 acre feet TOTAL (including connecting channel): 2,480 acre feet
Normal Reservoir Capacity Measured to the Principal Spillway Crest:	Cowpath: 190 acre feet Sullivan: 360 acre feet TOTAL (including connecting channel): 553 acre feet
Normal Water Depth Measured from the Streambed To the Crest of the Principal Spillway:	27 feet
Dam Height Measured from the Streambed to the Crest of the Dam:	49 feet
Dam Crest Width:	Cowpath: 18 feet Sullivan: 18 feet
Dam Width at Base:	Cowpath: 283 feet Sullivan: 283 feet
Length of Dam Crest:	Cowpath: 1,425 feet Sullivan: 750 feet
Outlet Capacity at Maximum Surcharge:	20 cubic feet per second
Principal Spillway Capacity at Maximum Surcharge:	35 cubic feet per second
Emergency Spillway Capacity at Maximum Surcharge:	3150 cubic feet per second
Date Constructed:	1967
Slope of Upstream Face of Dam:	Cowpath: 3H:1V with a 10 feet wide berm at elev. 3341.0 feet MSL Sullivan: 3H:1V with a 10 feet wide berm at elev. 3341.0 feet MSL
Slope of Downstream Face of Dam:	Cowpath: 2H:1V with a 10 feet wide berm at elev. 3341.0 feet MSL Sullivan: 2H:1V with a 10 feet wide berm at elev. 3341.0 feet MSL

1/ CSSA. January 1980. Phase 1 Inspection Report, City of Shelby Watershed Dam

APPENDIX B



COW PATH AND SULLIVAN DAMS  
 INUNDATION AND EVACUATION MAP

APPENDIX B  
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**APPENDIX C**

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

A. **Priority One**

- 1. ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES (24 HOURS) . . . . . 911
- 2. TOOLE COUNTY DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES. 450-8013  
Coordinator: Kelsey Buckley  
Montana Disaster and Emergency Services  
Division (Helena) . . . . . 324-4777
- 3. EVACUEES (in upstream-to-downstream sequence)  
Clark, Casey . . . . . 450-3108  
Pederson, Tammy. . . . . 460-5331  
Longcake, Bob . . . . . 434-5043

B. **Priority Two**

- 4. ENGINEERS  
Triple Tree Engineering . . . . . 461-0692
- 5. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
CONSERVATION (DNRC)  
Dam Safety Program . . . . . Office . 444-0862  
Engineer: Michele Lemieux . . Office . 444-6613  
DNRC Havre Office: . . . . .Office . 265-5516
- 6. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
Great Falls . . . . . 453-2081
- 7. OWNER AND OPERATOR OF COWPATH DAM & SULLIVAN DAM  
Mayor: Gary McDermott . . . . Office . 434-5222  
Cell . 450-1173  
Superintendent: Jack Johannes Office . 434-5564  
Cell . 304-1307
- 8. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, Havre . . . . . 262-2820
- 9. MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS, Helena . . 444-5499

**APPENDIX D**

DAM INCIDENT REPORT FORM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_ A.M./P.M.

NAME OF DAM \_\_\_\_\_

STREAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER \_\_\_\_\_

OBSERVER TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NATURE OF PROBLEM \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION OF PROBLEM AREA \_\_\_\_\_  
(looking downstream)

\_\_\_\_\_

EXTENT OF PROBLEM AREA \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

FLOW QUANTITY AND COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

WATER LEVEL IN RESERVOIR \_\_\_\_\_

IS SITUATION WORSENING? \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY STATUS \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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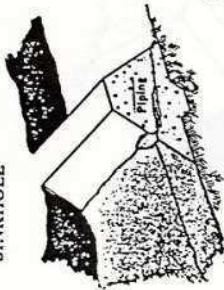
**APPENDIX E**

Potential Problems, Causes, Consequences and Action

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INSPECTION GUIDELINES -  
EMBANKMENT UPSTREAM SLOPE

**PROBLEM**

**SINKHOLE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Piping or internal erosion of embankment materials or foundation causes a sinkhole. The cave-in of an eroded cavern can result in a sink hole. A small hole in the wall of an outlet pipe can develop a sink hole. Dirty water at the exit indicates erosion of the dam.

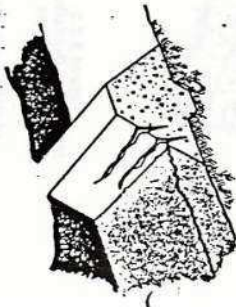
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**HAZARDOUS**  
Piping can empty a reservoir through a small hole in the wall or can lead to failure of a dam as soil pipes erode through the foundation or a previous part of the dam.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Inspect other parts of the dam for seepage or more sink holes. Identify exact cause of sink holes. Check seepage and leakage outflows for dirty water. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**LARGE CRACKS**



A portion of the embankment has moved because of loss of strength, or the foundation may have moved, causing embankment movement.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Indicates onset of massive slide or settlement caused by foundation failure.

Depending on embankment involved, draw reservoir level down. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**SLIDE, SLUMP OR SLIP**



Earth or rocks move down the slope along a slippage surface because of too steep a slope, or the foundation moves. Also, look for slides movement in reservoir basin.

**HAZARDOUS**  
A series of slides can lead to obstruction of the outlet or failure of the dam.

Evaluate extent of the slide. Monitor slide. (See Chapter 6.) Draw the reservoir level down if safety of dam is threatened. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**SCARPS, BENCHES OVER STEEP AREAS**

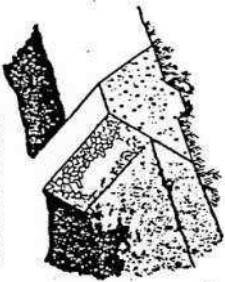
Wave action, local settlement, or ice action cause soil and rock to erode and slide to the lower part of the slope forming a bench.

Erosion lessens the width and possible height of the embankment and could lead to increased seepage or overtopping of the dam.

Determine exact cause of scarps. Do necessary earthwork, restore embankment to original slope and provide adequate protection (bedding and riprap). See Chapter 7.

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**BROKEN DOWN MISSING RIPRAP**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Poor quality riprap has deteriorated. Wave action or ice action has displaced riprap. Round and similar-sized rocks have rolled downhill.

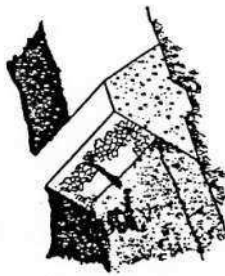
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

Wave action against these unprotected areas decreases embankment width.

**RECOMMEND ACTIONS**

Re-establish normal slope. Place bedding and competent riprap. (See Chapter 7.)

**EROSION BEHIND POORLY GRADED RIPRAP**



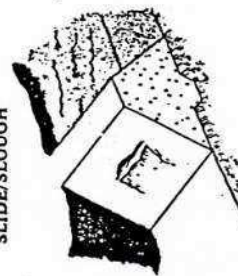
Similar-sized rocks allow waves to pass between them and erode small gravel particles and soil.

Soil is eroded away from behind the riprap. This allows riprap to settle, providing less protection and decreased embankment width.

Re-establish effective slope protection. Place bedding material. **ENGINEER REQUIRED** for design for gradation and size for rock for bedding and riprap. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.

Figures 5.3.2  
Inspection Guidelines -  
Downstream Slope

**SLIDE/SLOUGH**



1. Lack of or loss of strength of embankment material.  
2. Loss of strength can be attributed to infiltration of water into the embankment or loss of support by the foundation.

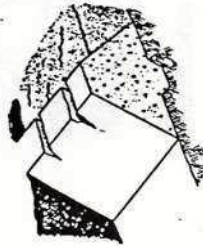
**HAZARDOUS**

Massive slide cuts through crest or upstream slope reducing freeboard and cross section. Structural collapse or overtopping can result.

1. Measure extent and displacement of slide.  
2. If continued movement is seen, begin lowering water level until movement stops.  
3. Have a qualified engineer inspect the condition and recommend further action.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

33 PROBLEM

TRANSVERSE CRACKING



PROBABLE CAUSE

Differential settlement of the embankment also leads to transverse cracking (e.g., center settles more than abutments).

POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

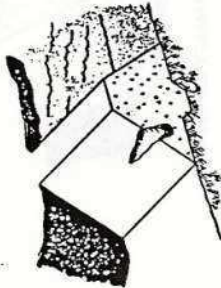
HAZARDOUS

Settlement or shrinkage cracks can lead to seepage of reservoir water through the dam. Shrinkage cracks allow water to enter the embankment. This promotes saturation and increases freeze-thaw action.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. If necessary, plug upstream end of crack to prevent flows from the reservoir.
  2. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

CAVE IN/COLLAPSE



1. Lack of adequate compaction.
2. Rodent hole below.
3. Piping through embankment or foundation.

HAZARDOUS

Indicates possible wash out of embankment.

1. Inspect for and immediately repair rodent holes. Control rodents to prevent future damage.
  2. Have a qualified engineer inspect the condition and recommend further action.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

LONGITUDINAL CRACKING



1. Drying and shrinkage of surface material.
2. Downstream movement of settlement of embankment.

1. Can be an early warning of a potential slide.
2. Shrinkage cracks allow water to enter the embankment and freezing will further crack the embankment.
3. Settlement or slide showing loss of strength in embankment can lead to failure.

1. If cracks are from drying, dress area with well-compacted material to keep surface water out and natural moisture in.
  2. If cracks are extensive, a qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

SLUMP (LOCALIZED CONDITION)



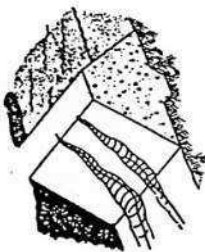
Preceded by erosion undercutting a portion of the slope. Can also be found on steep slopes.

Can expose impervious zone to erosion and lead to further slumps.

1. Inspect area for seepage.
  2. Monitor for progressive failure.
  3. Have a qualified engineer inspect the condition and recommend further action.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

34 PROBLEM

EROSION



PROBABLE CAUSE

Water from intense rainstorms or snow-melt carries surface material down the slope, resulting in continuous troughs.

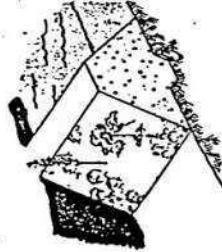
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Can be hazardous if allowed to continue. Erosion can lead to eventual deterioration of the downstream slope and failure of the structure.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. The preferred method to protect eroded areas is rock or riprap.
2. Re-establishing protective grasses can be adequate if the problem is detected early.

TREES/OBSCURING BRUSH

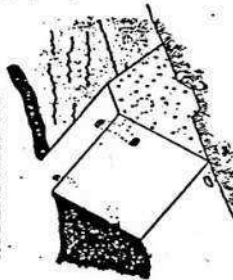


Natural vegetation in area.

Large tree roots can create seepage paths. Brush can obscure visual inspection and harbor rodents.

1. Remove all large, deep-rooted trees and shrubs on or near the embankment. Properly backfill void. (See Chapter 7.)
2. Control vegetation on the embankment that obscures visual inspection. (See Chapter 7.)

RODENT ACTIVITY

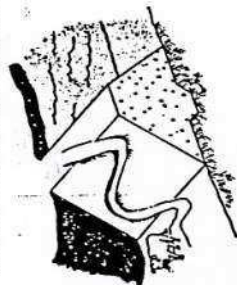


Over-abundance of rodents. Holes, tunnels and caverns are caused by animal burrowings. Certain habitats like cattail type plants and trees close to the reservoir encourage these animals.

Can reduce length of seepage path, and lead to piping failure. If tunnel exits through most of the dam, it can lead to failure of the dam.

1. Control rodents to prevent more damage.
2. Backfill existing rodent holes.
3. Remove rodents. Determine exact location of digging and extent of tunneling. Remove habitat and repair damages. (See Chapter 7.)

LIVESTOCK/CATTLE TRAFFIC



Excessive travel by livestock especially harmful to slope when wet.

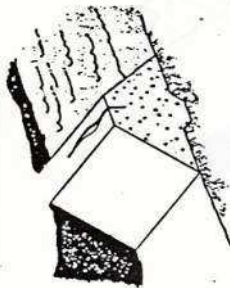
Creates areas bare of erosion protection and causes erosion channels. Allows water to stand. Area susceptible to drying cracks.

1. Fence livestock outside embankment areas.
2. Repair erosion protection, i.e., riprap, grass.

35 Figures 5.3.3  
Inspection Guidelines -  
Embankment Crest

**PROBLEM**

**LONGITUDINAL CRACK**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

1. Uneven settlement between adjacent sections or zones within the embankment
2. Foundation failure causing loss of support to embankment.
3. Initial stages of embankment slide.

**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**HAZARDOUS**

1. Creates local area of low strength within embankment. Could be the point of initiation of future structural movement, deformation, or failure.
2. Provides entrance point for surface run-off into embankment, allowing saturation of adjacent embankment area, and possible lubrication which could lead to localized failure.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. Inspect crack and carefully record location, length, depth, width, alignment, and other pertinent physical features. Immediately stake out limits of cracking. Monitor frequently.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of cracking and supervise steps necessary to reduce danger to dam and correct condition.
  3. Effectively seal the cracks at the crest's surface to prevent infiltration by surface water.
  4. Continue to routinely monitor crest for evidence of further cracking.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**VERTICAL DISPLACEMENT**

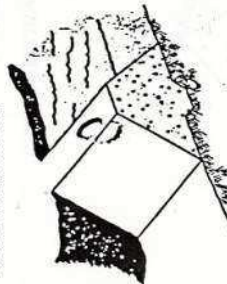


**HAZARDOUS**

1. Provides local area of low strength within embankment which could cause future movement.
2. Leads to structural instability or failure.
3. Provides entrance point for surface water that could further lubricate failure plane.
4. Reduces available embankment cross section.

1. Carefully inspect displacement and record its location, vertical and horizontal displacement, length, and other physical features. Immediately stake out limits of cracking.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of displacement and supervise all steps necessary to reduce danger to dam and correct condition.
  3. Excavate area to the bottom of the displacement. Backfill excavation using competent material and correct construction techniques, and under supervision of engineer.
  4. Continue to monitor area routinely for evidence of future cracking or movement.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**CAVE-IN ON CREST**



1. Rodent activity.
2. Holes in outer conduit is causing erosion of embankment material.
3. Internal erosion or slipping of embankment material by seepage.
4. Breakdown of dispersive clays within embankment by seepage walets.

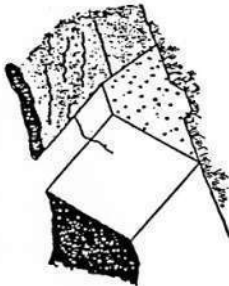
**HAZARDOUS**

1. Void within dam could cause localized embankment cross section.
2. Entrance point for surface water.

1. Carefully inspect and record location and physical characteristics (depth, width, length) of cave in.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of cave in and supervise all steps necessary to reduce threat to dam and correct condition.
  3. Excavate cave in, slope sides of excavation, and backfill hole with competent material using proper construction techniques. (See Chapter 7.) This should be supervised by engineer.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

34 PROBLEM

TRANSVERSE CRACKING



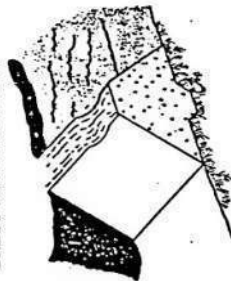
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

- HAZARDOUS**
1. Can provide a path for seepage through the embankment cross section.
  2. Provides local area of low strength within embankment. Future structural movement, deformation or failure could begin.
  3. Provides entrance point for surface runoff to enter embankment.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Inspect crack and carefully record crack location, length, depth, width, and other pertinent physical features. Stake out limits of cracking.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of cracking and supervise all steps necessary to reduce danger to dam and correct condition.
  3. Excavate crack along crest to a point below the bottom of the crack. Then backfilling excavation using competent material and correct construction techniques. This will seal the crack against seepage and surface runoff. (See Chapter 7.) This should be supervised by engineer.
  4. Continue to monitor crest routinely for evidence of future cracking. (See Chapter 6.)
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

CREST MISALIGNMENT



1. Area of misalignment is usually accompanied by low area in crest which reduces freeboard.
2. Can produce local areas of low embankment strength which may lead to failure.

1. Movement between adjacent parts of the structure.
2. Uneven deflection of dam under loading by reservoir.
3. Structural deformation or failure near area of misalignment.

1. Establish monuments across crest to determine exact amount, location, and extent of misalignment.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of misalignment and supervise all steps necessary to reduce threat to dam and correct condition.
  3. Monitor crest monuments on a scheduled basis following remedial action to detect possible future movement. (See Chapter 6.)
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

LOW AREA IN CREST OF DAM



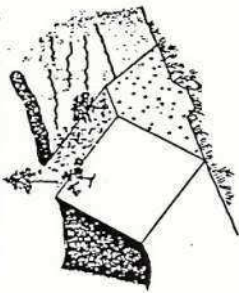
Reduces freeboard available to pass flood flows safely through spillway.

1. Excessive settlement in the embankment or foundation directly beneath the low area in the crest.
2. Internal erosion of embankment material.
3. Foundation spreading to upstream and/or downstream direction.
4. Prolonged wind erosion of crest area.
5. Improper final grading following construction.

1. Establish monuments along length of crest to determine exact amount, location, and extent of settlement in crest.
  2. Engineer should determine cause of low area and supervise all steps necessary to reduce possible threat of the dam and correct condition.
  3. Re-establish uniform crest elevation over crest length by placing fill in low area using proper construction techniques. This should be supervised by engineer.
  4. Re-establish monuments across crest of dam and monitor monuments on a routine basis to detect possible future settlement.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

37 PROBLEM

OBSCURING VEGETATION



PROBABLE CAUSE

Neglect of dam and lack of proper maintenance procedures.

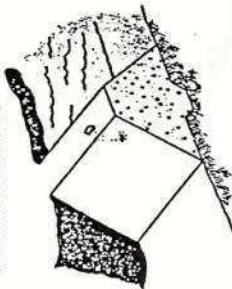
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

1. Obscures large parts of the dam, preventing adequate, accurate visual inspection of all parts of the dam. Problems which threaten the integrity of the dam can develop and remain undetected until they progress to a point that threatens the dam's safety.
2. Associated root systems develop and penetrate into the dam's cross section. When the vegetation dies, the decaying root systems can provide paths for seepage. This reduces the effective seepage path through the embankment and could lead to possible piping situations.
3. Prevents easy access to all parts of the dam for operation, maintenance, and inspection.
4. Provides habitat for rodents.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Remove all damaging growth from the dam. This would include removal of trees, bushes, brush, conifers, and growth other than grass. Grass should be encouraged on all segments of the dam to prevent erosion by surface runoff. Root systems should also be removed to the maximum practical extent. The void which results from removing the root system should be backfilled with well-compact, well-compacted material.
2. Future undesirable growth should be removed by cutting or spraying, as part of an annual maintenance program. (See Chapter 7.)
3. All cutting or debris resulting from the vegetative removal should be immediately taken from the dam and properly disposed of outside the reservoir basin.

RODENT ACTIVITY

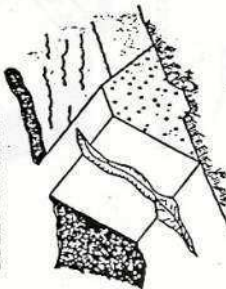


Burrowing animals.

1. Entrance point for surface runoff to enter the dam. Could saturate adjacent portions of the dam.
2. Especially dangerous if hole penetrates dam below phreatic line. During periods of high storage, seepage path through the dam would be greatly reduced and a piping situation could develop.

1. Completely backfill the hole with competent, well-compacted material.
2. Initiate a rodent control program to reduce the burrowing animal population and to prevent future damage to the dam. (See Chapter 7.)

GULLY ON CREST

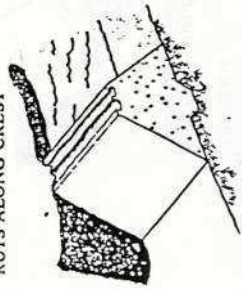


1. Poor grading. X and improper drainage of crest. Improper drainage causes surface runoff to collect and drain off crest at low point in upstream or downstream shoulder.
2. Inadequate spillway capacity which has caused dam to overtop.

1. Can reduce available freeboard.
2. Reduces cross-sectional area of dam.
3. Inhibits access to all parts of the crest and dam.
4. Can result in a hazardous condition if due to overtopping.

1. Restore freeboard to dam by adding fill material in low area, using proper construction techniques. (See Chapter 7.)
2. Regrading crest to provide proper drainage of surface runoff.
3. If gully was caused by overtopping, provide adequate spillway which meets current design standards. This should be done by engineer.
4. Re-establish protective cover.

RUTS ALONG CREST



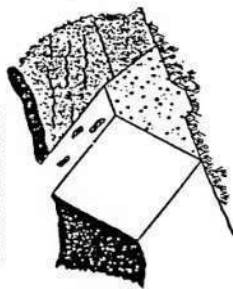
Heavy vehicle traffic without adequate or proper maintenance or proper crest surfacing.

1. Inhibits easy access to all parts of crest.
2. Allows continued development of rutting.
3. Allows standing water to collect and saturate crest of dam.
4. Operating and maintenance vehicles can get stuck.

1. Drain standing water from ruts.
2. Regrade and recompact crest to restore integrity and provide proper drainage to upstream slope. (See Chapter 7.)
3. Provide gravel or roadbase material to accommodate traffic.
4. Do periodic maintenance and regrading to prevent reformation of ruts.

34 PROBLEM

**PUDDLING ON CREST-  
POOR DRAINAGE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

1. Poor grading and improper drainage of crest.
2. Localized consolidation or settlement on crest allows puddles to develop.

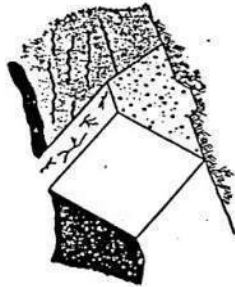
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

1. Cause localized saturation of the crest.
2. Inhibits access to all parts of the dam and crest.
3. Becomes progressively worse if not corrected.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. Drain standing water from puddles.
2. Regrade and recompact crest to restore integrity and provide proper drainage to upstream slope. (See Chapter 7.)
3. Provide gravel or roadbase material to accommodate traffic.
4. Do periodic maintenance and regrading to prevent reformation of low areas.

**DRYING CRACKS**



Material on the crest of dam expands and contracts with alternate wetting and drying of weather cycles. Drying cracks are usually short, shallow, narrow, and many.

Provides point of entrance for surface runoff and surface moisture, causing saturation of adjacent embankment areas. This saturation, and later drying of the dam, could cause further cracking.

1. Seal surface of cracks with a light, impervious material. (See Chapter 7.)
2. Routinely grade crest to provide proper drainage and fill cracks. -OR-
3. Cover crest with non-plastic (not clay) material to prevent large moisture content variations.



39 Figures 5.3.4  
Inspection Guidelines  
Embankment Seepage Areas

**PROBLEM**

**EXCESSIVE QUANTITY  
AND/OR MUDDY WATER  
EXITING FROM A POINT**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

1. Water has created an open pathway, channel, or pipe through the dam. The water is eroding and carrying embankment material.
2. Large amounts of water have accumulated in the downstream slope. Water and embankment materials are exiting at one point. Surface agitation may be causing the muddy water.
3. Rodents, frost action or poor construction have allowed water to create an open pathway or pipe through the embankment.

**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**HAZARDOUS**

1. Continued flows can saturate parts of the embankment and lead to slides in the area.
2. Continued flows can further erode embankment materials and lead to failure of the dam.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. Begin measuring outflow quantity and establishing whether water is getting muddier, staying the same, or clearing up.
  2. If quantity of flow is increasing, the water level in the reservoir should be lowered until the flow stabilizes or stops.
  3. Search for opening on upstream side and plug if possible.
  4. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**STREAM OF WATER  
EXITING THROUGH CRACKS  
NEAR THE CREST**

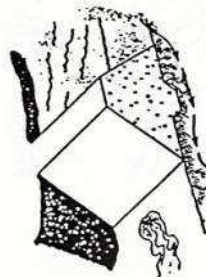


1. Severe drying has caused shrinkage of embankment material.
2. Settlement in the embankment or foundation is causing the transverse cracks.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Flow through the crack can cause failure of the dam.

1. Plug the upstream side of the crack to stop the flow.
2. The water level in the reservoir should be lowered until it is below the level of the cracks.
3. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.

**SEEPAGE WATER  
EXITING AS A BOIL  
IN THE FOUNDATION**



Some part of the foundation material is supplying a flow path. This could be caused by a sand or gravel layer in the foundation.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Increased flows can lead to erosion of the foundation and failure of the dam.

1. Examine the boil for transportation of foundation materials.
  2. If soil particles are moving downstream, sandbags or earth should be used to create a dike around the boil. The pressures created by the water level within the dike may control flow velocities and temporarily prevent further erosion.
  3. If erosion is becoming greater, the reservoir level should be lowered.
  4. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**PROBLEM**  
**SEEPAGE EXITING AT**  
**ABUTMENT CONTACT**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

- 1. Water flowing through pathways in the abutment.
- 2. Water flowing through the embankment.

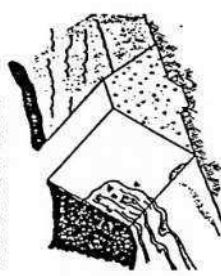
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**HAZARDOUS**  
Can lead to erosion of embankment materials and failure of the dam.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- 1. Study leakage area to determine quantity of flow and extent of saturation.
  - 2. Inspect daily for developing slides.
  - 3. Water level in reservoir may need to be lowered to assure the safety of the embankment.
  - 4. A qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**LARGE AREA WET OR**  
**PRODUCING FLOW**



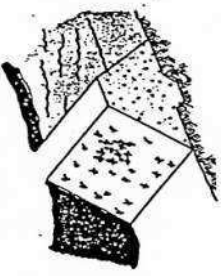
A seepage path has developed through the abutment or embankment materials and failure of the dam can occur.

**HAZARDOUS**

- 1. Increased flows could lead to erosion of embankment material and failure of the dam.
- 2. Saturation of the embankment can lead to local slides which could cause failure of the dam.

- 1. Stake out the saturated area and monitor for growth or shrinking.
  - 2. Measure any outflows as accurately as possible.
  - 3. Reservoir level may need to be lowered if saturated areas increase in size at a fixed storage level or if flow increases.
  - 4. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**MARKED CHANGE**  
**IN VEGETATION**

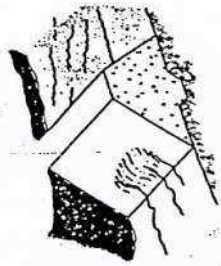


- 1. Embankment material are supplying flows path.
- 2. Natural seeding by wind.
- 3. Change in seed type during early post construction seeding.

Can show a saturated area.

- 1. Use probe and shovel to establish if the materials in this area are wetter than surrounding areas.
  - 2. If areas shows wetness, when surrounding areas do not, a qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**BULGE IN LARGE WET AREA**



Downstream embankment materials have begun to move.

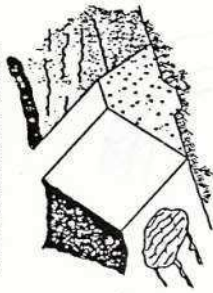
**HAZARDOUS**

Failure of the embankment result from massive sliding can follow these early movements.

- 1. Compare embankment cross section to the end of construction condition to see if observed condition may reflect end of construction.
  - 2. Stake out affected area and accurately measure outflow.
  - 3. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

41 PROBLEM

TRAMPOLINE EFFECT  
IN LARGE SOGGY AREA



PROBABLE CAUSE

1. Water moving rapidly through the embankment or foundation is being controlled or contained by a well-established turf root system.

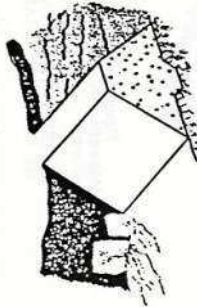
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Condition shows excessive seepage in the area. If control layer of turf is destroyed, rapid erosion of foundation materials could result in failure of the dam.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

1. Carefully inspect the area for outflow quantity and any transported material.
  2. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

LEAKAGE FROM ABUTMENTS  
BEYOND THE DAM

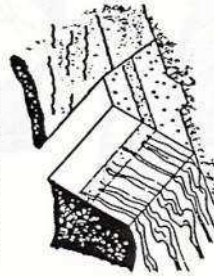


Water moving through cracks and fissures in the abutment materials.

Can lead to rapid erosion of abutment and evacuation of the reservoir. Can lead to massive slides near or downstream from the dam.

1. Carefully inspect the area to determine quantity of flow and amount of transported material.
2. A qualified engineer or geologist should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.

WET AREA IN  
HORIZONTAL BAND

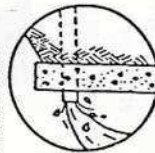


Frost layer or layer of sandy material in original construction.

**HAZARDOUS**  
1. Wetting of areas below the area of excessive seepage can lead to localized instability of the embankment. (SLIDES)  
2. Excessive flows can lead to accelerated erosion of embankment materials and failure of the dam.

1. Determine as closely as possible the flow being produced.
  2. If flow increases, reservoir level should be reduced until flow stabilizes or stops.
  3. Stake out the exact area involved.
  4. Using hand tools, try to identify the material allowing the flow.
  5. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

LARGE INCREASE IN FLOW  
OR SEDIMENT IN  
DRAIN-OUTFALL



A shortened seepage path or increased storage levels.

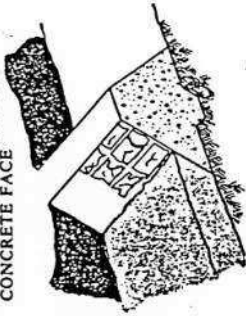
**HAZARDOUS**  
1. Higher velocity flows can cause erosion of drain then embankment materials.  
2. Can lead to piping failure.

1. Accurately measure outflow quantity and determine amount of increase over previous flow.
  2. Collect jar samples to compare turbidity.
  3. If either quantity or turbidity has increased by 25%, a qualified engineer should evaluate the condition and recommend further actions.
- ENGINEER REQUIRED**

42 **Figures 5.4**  
**Inspection Guidelines -**  
**Concrete Upstream Slope**

**PROBLEM**

**CRACKED, DETERIORATED  
 CONCRETE FACE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Concrete deteriorated resulting from weathering. Joint filler deteriorated or displaced.

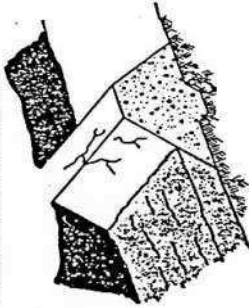
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

Soil is eroded behind the face and cavities can be formed. Unsupported sections of concrete crack. Ice action may displace concrete.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Determine cause. Either patch with grout or contact engineer for permanent repair method.  
 2. If damage is extensive, a qualified engineer should inspect the conditions and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**CRACKS DUE TO DRYING**



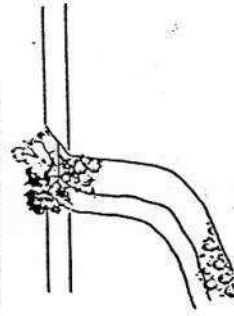
The soil loses its moisture and shrinks, causing cracks. NOTE: Usually seen on crest and downstream slope mostly.

Heavy rains can fill up cracks and cause small parts of embankment to move along internal slip surface.

1. Monitor cracks for increases in width, depth, or length.  
 2. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**Figures 5.5**  
**Inspection Guidelines -**  
**Spillways**

**EXCESSIVE VEGETATION  
 OR DEBRIS IN CHANNEL**



Accumulation of slide materials, dead trees, excessive vegetative growth, etc., in spillway channel.

Reduced discharge capacity; overflow of spillway; overtopping of dam. Prolonged overtopping can cause failure of the dam.

Clean out debris periodically; control vegetative growth in spillway channel. Install log boom in front of spillway entrance to intercept debris.

43 PROBLEM

EROSION CHANNELS



PROBABLE CAUSE

Surface runoff from intense rainstorms or flow from spillway carries surface material down the slope, resulting in continuous rought. Livestock traffic create gullies where flow concentrated varies.

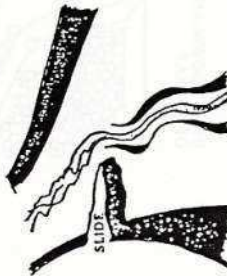
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

Unabated erosion can lead to slides, slumps or slips which can result in reduced spillway capacity. Inadequate spillway capacity can lead to embankment overtopping and result in dam failure.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Photograph condition. Repair damaged areas by replacing eroded material with compacted fill. Protect areas against future erosion by installing suitable rock riprap. Revegetate area if appropriate. Bring condition to the attention of the engineer during next inspection.

EXCESSIVE EROSION IN EARTH SLIDE CAUSES CONCENTRATED FLOWS



Disturbed flow pattern; loss of material, increased sediment load downstream; collapse of banks; failure of spillway, can lead to rapid evacuation of the reservoir through the severely eroded spillway.

Minimize flow velocity by proper design. Use sound material. Keep channel and bank slopes mild. Encourage growth of grass on soil surface. Construct smooth and well-compacted surfaces. Protect surface with riprap, asphalt, or concrete. Repair eroded part using sound construction practices.

END OF SPILLWAY CHUTE UNDERCUT

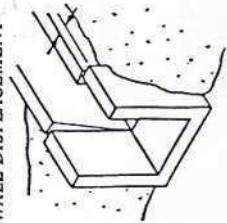


Poor configuration of stilling basin area. Highly erodible materials. Absence of cutoff wall at end of chute.

HAZARDOUS Structural damage to spillway structure; collapse of slab and wall lead to costly repair.

De-water affected area; clean out eroded area and properly backfill. Improve stream channel below chute; provide properly sized riprap in stilling basin area. Install cutoff wall.

WALL DISPLACEMENT



Poor workmanship; uneven settlement of foundation; excessive earth and water pressure; insufficient steel bar reinforcement of concrete.

Minor displacement will create eddies and turbulence in the flow, causing erosion of the soil behind the wall. Major displacement will cause severe cracks and eventual failure of the structure.

Reconstruction should be done according to good engineering practices. Foundation should be carefully prepared. Adequate weep holes should be installed to relieve water pressure behind wall. Use enough reinforcement in the concrete. Anchor walls to prevent further displacement. Install grout between spillway walls if needed. Clean out and backflush drains to assure proper operations. Consult an engineer before actions are taken. ENGINEER REQUIRED

LARGE CRACKS



PROBABLE CAUSE

Construction defect; local concentrated stress; local material deterioration; foundation failure, excessive backfill pressure.

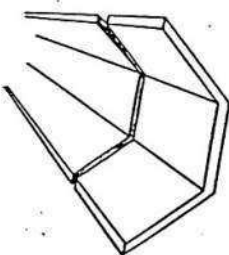
POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES

**HAZARDOUS**  
Disturbance in flow patterns; erosion of foundation and backfill; eventual collapse of structure.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Large cracks without large displacement should be repaired by patching. Surrounding areas should be cleaned or cut out before patching material is applied. (See Chapter 7.) Installation of weep holes or other actions may be needed.

OPEN OR DISPLACED JOINTS

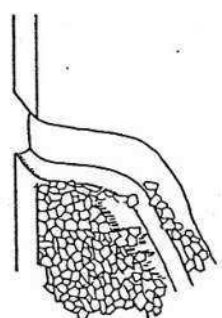


Excessive and uneven settlement of foundation; sliding of concrete slab; construction joint too wide and left unsealed. Sealant deteriorated and washed away.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Erosion of foundation material may weaken support and cause further cracks; pressure induced by water flowing over displaced joints may wash away wall or slab, or cause extensive undermining.

Construction joint should be no wider than 1/2 inch. All joints should be sealed with asphalt or other flexible materials. Waterstops should be used where feasible. Clean the joint, replace eroded materials, and seal the joint. Foundations should be properly drained and prepared. Underneath of chute slabs should have ribs of enough depth to prevent sliding. Avoid steep chute slope. **ENGINEER REQUIRED**

BREAKDOWN AND LOSS OF RIPRAP

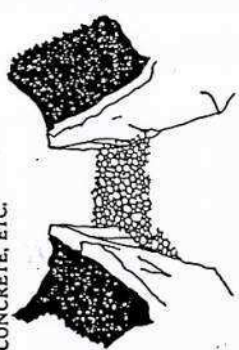


Slope too steep; material poorly graded; failure of subgrade; flow velocity too high; improper placement of material; bedding material or foundation washed away.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Erosion of channel bottom and banks; failure of spillway.

Design a stable slope for channel bottom and banks. Riprap material should be well graded (the material should contain small, medium, and large particles). Sub-grade should be properly prepared before placement of riprap. Install filter fabric if necessary. Control flow velocity in the spillway by proper design. Riprap should be placed according to specification. Services of an engineer are recommended. **ENGINEER REQUIRED**

MATERIAL DETERIORATION-SPALLING AND DISINTEGRATION OF RIPRAP, CONCRETE, ETC.



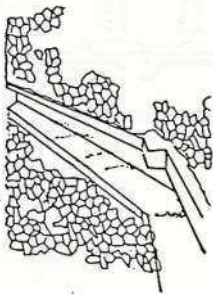
Use of unsound or defective materials; structures subject to freeze-thaw cycles; improper maintenance practices; harmful chemicals.

Structure life will be shortened; premature failure.

Avoid using shale or sandstone for riprap. Add air-entraining agent when mixing concrete. Use only clean good quality aggregates in the concrete. Steel bars should have at least 1 inch of concrete cover. Concrete should be kept wet and protected from freezing during curing. Timber should be treated before using.

45 PROBLEM

**POOR SURFACE DRAINAGE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

No weep holes; no drainage facility; plugged drains.

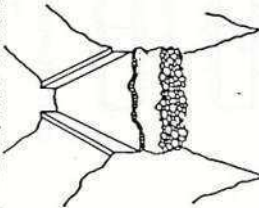
**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

Wet foundation has lower supporting capacity; uplift pressure resulting from seepage water may cause damage to spillway chute; accumulation of water may also increase total pressure on spillway walls and cause damage.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Install weep holes on spillway walls. Inner end of hole should be surrounded and packed with graded filtering material. Install drain system under spillway near downstream end. Clean out existing weep holes. Backflush and rehabilitate drain system under the supervision of an engineer.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

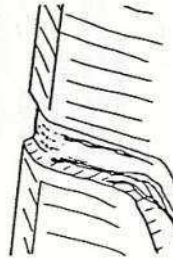
**CONCRETE EROSION, ABRASION, AND FRACTURING**



Pock marks and spalling of concrete surface may progressively become worse; small hole may cause undermining of foundation, leading to failure of structure.

Remove rocks and gravels from spillway chute before flood season. Raise water level in stilling basin. Use good quality concrete. Assure concrete surface is smooth.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**LEAKAGE IN OR AROUND SPILLWAY**



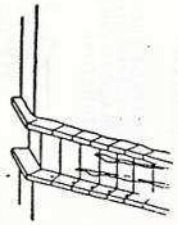
1. Cracks and joints in geologic formation at spillway are permitting seepage.
2. Gravel or sand layers at spillway are permitting seepage.

**HAZARDOUS**

1. Could lead to excessive loss of stored water.
2. Could lead to a progressive failure if velocities are high enough to cause erosion of natural materials.

1. Examine exit area to see if type of material can explain leakage.
2. Measure flow quantity and check for erosion of natural materials.
3. If flow rate or amount of eroded materials increases rapidly, reservoir level should be lowered until flow stabilizes or stops.
4. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.  
**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

**TOO MUCH LEAKAGE FROM SPILLWAY UNDER DRAINS**



Drain or cutoff may have failed.

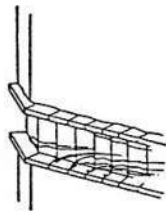
**HAZARDOUS**

1. Excessive flows under the spillway could lead to erosion of foundation material and collapse of parts of the spillway.
2. Uncontrolled flows could lead to loss of stored water.

Same as above.

**44 PROBLEM**

**SEEPAGE FROM A CONSTRUCTION JOINT OR CRACK IN CONCRETE STRUCTURE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Water is collecting behind structure because of insufficient drainage or clogged weep holes.

**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

1. Can cause walls to tip in and over. Flows through concrete can lead to rapid deterioration from weathering.
2. If the spillway is located within the embankment, rapid erosion can lead to failure of the dam.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. Check area behind wall for puddling of surface water.
2. Check and clean as needed: drain outlets, flush lines, and weep holes.
3. If condition persists, a qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.

**Figures 5.6  
Inspection Guidelines -  
Inlets, Outlets and Drains  
OUTLET PIPE DAMAGE**

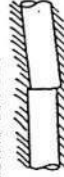
**CRACK**



**HOLE**



**JOINT OFFSET**



Settlement; Impact.

Rust (steel pipe)  
Erosion (concrete pipe)  
Cavitation

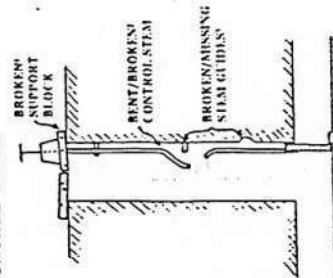
Settlement or poor construction practice.

Excessive seepage, possible internal erosion.

**HAZARDOUS**  
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**HAZARDOUS**  
Provides passageway for water to exit or enter pipe, resulting in erosion of internal materials of the dam.

**CONTROL WORKS**



**1. BROKEN SUPPORT BLOCK**  
Concrete deterioration. Excessive force exerted on control stem by trying to open gate when it was jammed.

**2. BENT/BROKEN CONTROL STEM**  
Rust. Excess force used to open or close gate. Inadequate or broken stem guides.

**3. BROKEN/MISSING STEM GUIDES**  
Rust. Inadequate lubrication. Excess force used to open or close gate when it was jammed.

Causes control support block to tilt; control stem may bind. Control head works may settle. Gate may not open all the way. Support block may fall completely, leaving outlet inoperable.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Outlet is inoperable.

Loss of support for control stem. Stem may buckle and break under even normal use, (as in this example).

Any of these conditions can mean the control is either inoperable or at best partly operable. Use of the system should be minimized or discontinued. If the outlet system has a second control valve, consider using it to regulate releases until repairs can be made. Engineering help is recommended.

If a progressive failure is suspected, request engineering advice.

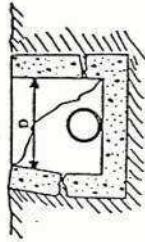
Tap pipe in vicinity of damaged area, listening for hollow sound which shows a void has formed along the outside of the conduit.

Check for evidence of water either entering or exiting pipe at crack/hole/etc.



47 PROBLEM

**FAILURE OF CONCRETE OUTFALL STRUCTURE**



**PROBABLE CAUSE**

Excessive side pressures on nonreinforced concrete structure. Poor concrete quality.

**POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES**

**HAZARDOUS**  
Loss of outfall structure exposes embankment to erosion by outlet releases.

**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. Check for progressive failure by monitoring typical dimension, such as "D" shown in figure.
2. Repair by patching cracks and supplying drainage around concrete structure. Total replacement of outfall structure may be needed.

**OUTLET RELEASES ERODING TOE OF DAM**



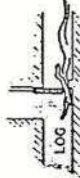
Outlet pipe too short. Lack of energy-dissipating pool or structure at downstream end of conduit.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Erosion of toe oversteepens downstream slope, causing progressive sloughing.

1. Extend pipe beyond toe (use a pipe of same size and material, and form watertight connection to existing conduit).
2. Protect embankment with riprap over suitable bedding.

**VALVE LEAKAGE**

**DEBRIS STUCK UNDER GATE**



Trashrack missing or damaged.

Gate will not close. Gate or stem may be damaged in effort to close gate.

**CRACKED GATE LEAF**



Ice action, rust, affect vibration, or stress resulting from forcing gate closed when it is jammed.

Gate-leaf main fall completely, evacuating reservoir.

**DAMAGE GATE SEAT OR GUIDES**



Rust, erosion, cavitation, vibration, or wear.

Leakage and loss of support for gate leaf. Gate may bind in guides and become inoperable.

**SEEPAGE WATER EXITING FROM A JOINT ADJACENT TO THE OUTLET**



1. A break in the outlet pipe.
2. A path for flow has developed along the outside of the outlet pipe.

**HAZARDOUS**  
Continued flows can lead to rapid erosion of embankment materials and failure of the dam.

1. Thoroughly investigate the area by probing and/or shovelling to see if the cause can be determined.
2. Determine if leakage water is carrying soil particles.
3. Determine quantity of flow.
4. If flow persists, or is carrying embankment material, reservoir level should be lowered until leakage stops.
5. A qualified engineer should inspect the condition and recommend further actions to be taken.

**ENGINEER REQUIRED**

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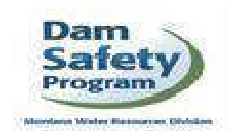
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