

COLLIERY DAMS



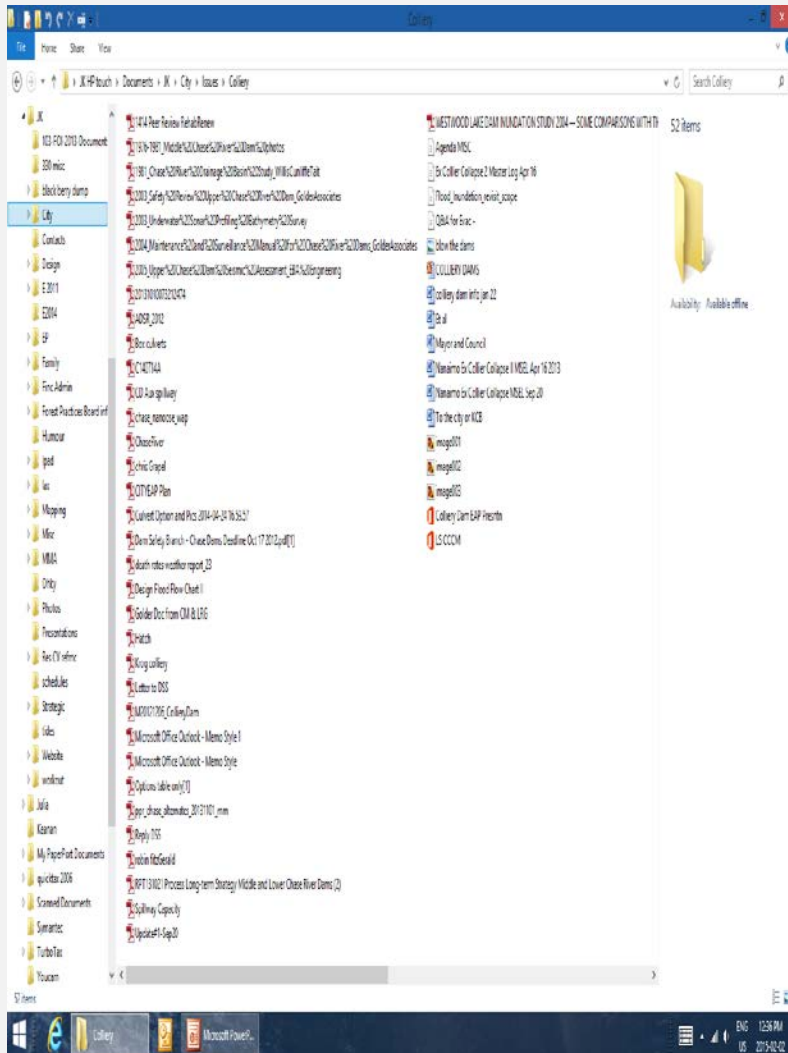
**HISTORY, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
REGULATION AND FUTURE**

HISTORY OF COMPLIANCE



**COLLIERY DAMS
100 YEARS
OF COMMUNITY
History, Culture,
Recreation,
Natural
Environment,
Social Equity
and
Risk**

Decades of Colliery Dam files and studies



Chase River Study 5 August, 1980

HOWARD DAM NUMBER THREE

Upstream concrete wall on structure

		HAZARD SEVERITY				
		Negligible (1)	Slight (2)	Moderate (3)	High (4)	Very high (5)
LIKELIHOOD OF OCCURRENCE	Very Unlikely (A)	LOW	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM
	Unlikely (B)	LOW	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
	Possible (C)	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	Likely (D)	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH
	Very Likely (E)	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH

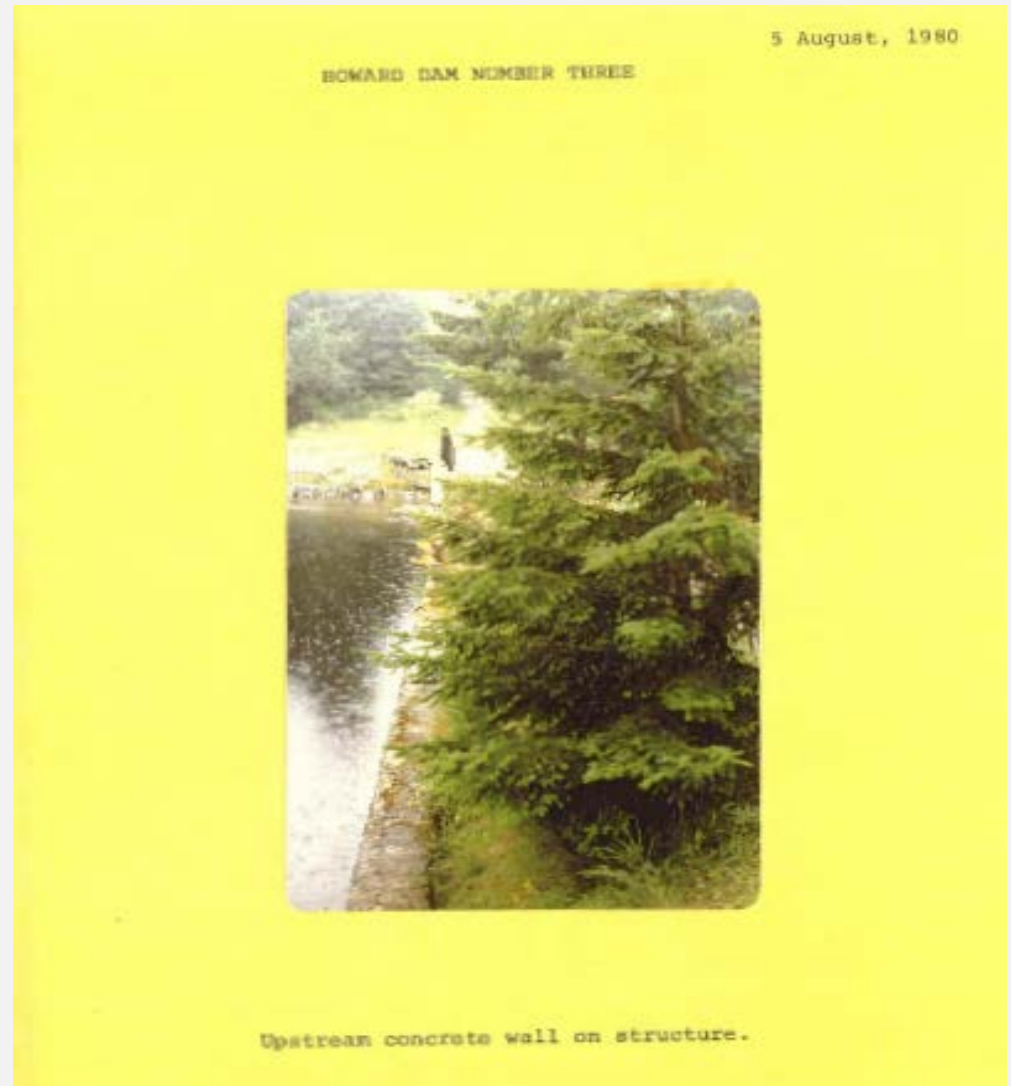
Chase River Drainage Basin Study

February 1981

a proposal to
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Watershed study 1981

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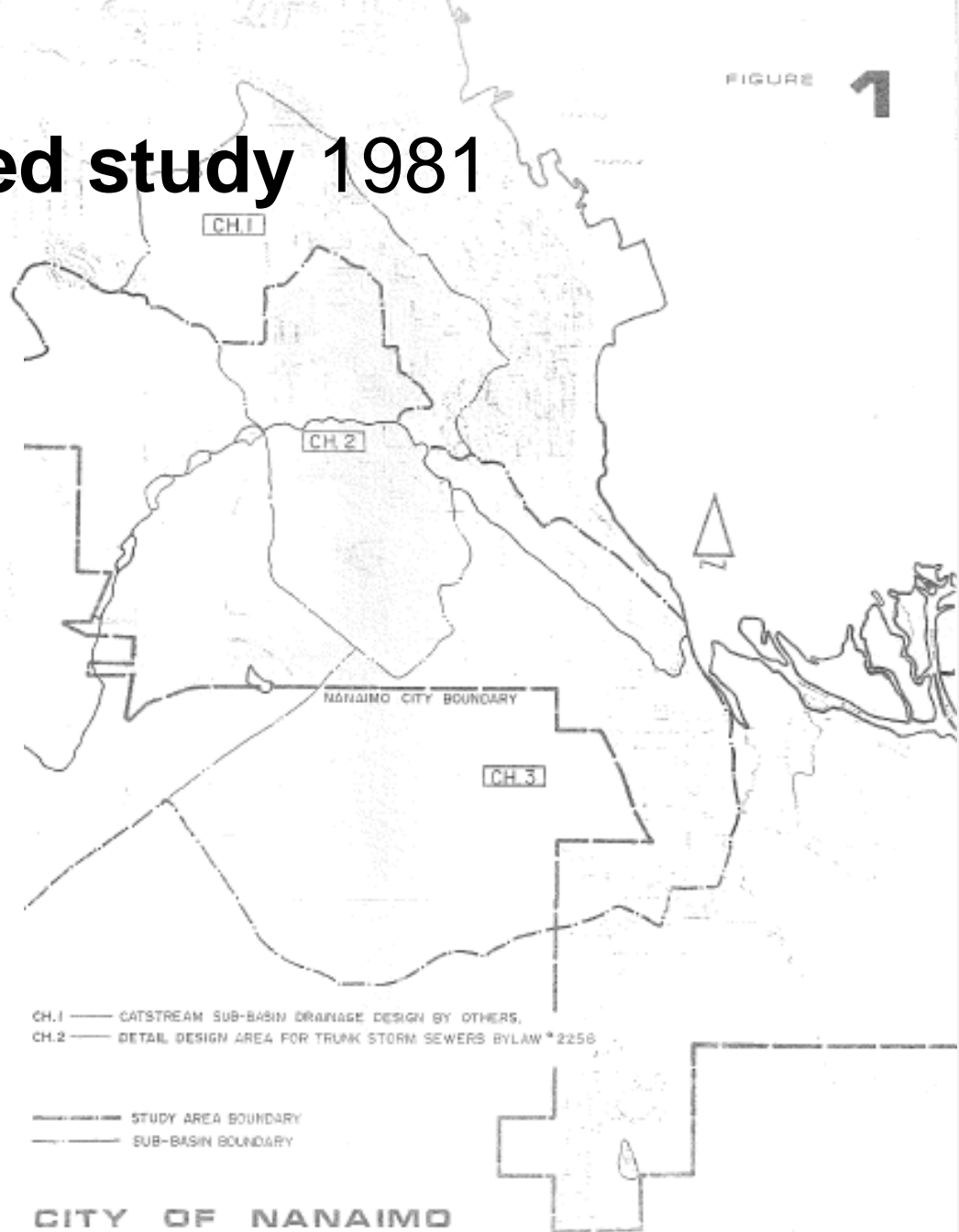
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CH.2 — DETAIL DESIGN AREA FOR TRUNK STORM SEWERS BYLAW #2256

—— STUDY AREA BOUNDARY
—— SUB-BASIN BOUNDARY

CITY OF NANAIMO
CHASE RIVER WATERSHED
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT STUDY AREA



Upper chase river dam safety review 2003

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REPORT ON

UPPER CHASE RIVER DAM 2003 DAM SAFETY REVIEW

Submitted to:

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December 5, 2003

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December 5, 2003

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- **Upper Chase River Dam**
- **Middle Chase River Dam**
- **Lower Chase River Dams**



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UPPER CHASE DAM SEISMIC ASSESSMENT NANAIMO, BC

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Project No. 0802-2800097

May 2005

UPPER CHASE DAM SEISMIC ASSESSMENT 2005

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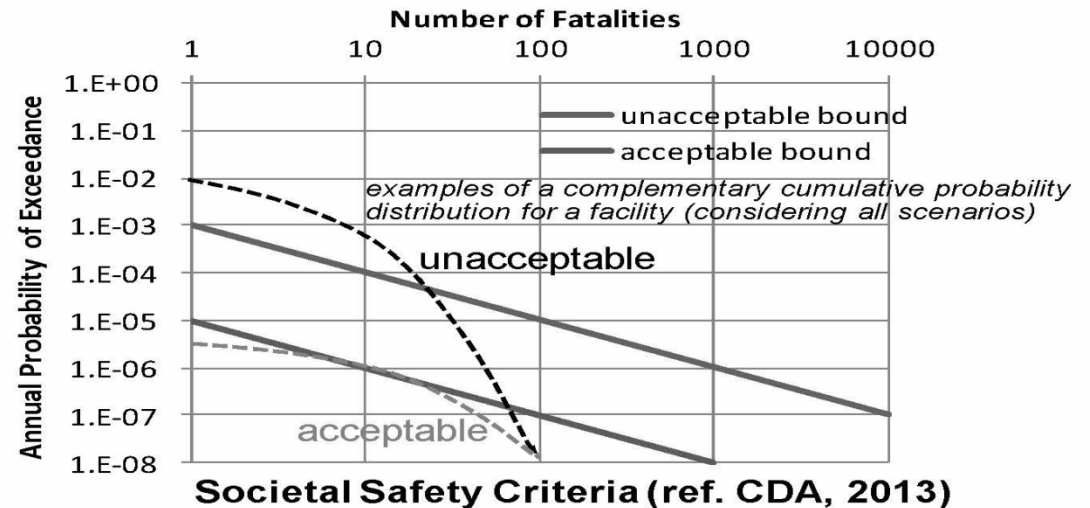




INVESTIGATIONS
OF THE RISK

CATASTROPHY,
MANIFEST
DESTINY
OR
ACCEPTABLE
RISK

Risk Assessment January 2014



21 Jan 2014

Colliery Dam (Nanaimo BC) Risk Assessment

by Dr. Bill Roberds



Risk assessment 2014 January



Develop Colliery Dams (Nanaimo BC) Plan

■ 13 Dec 2013 Meeting

- **Objectives** - identify *optimal* dam rehab option plan
- **Criteria** - including (but not limited to) *safety* and *financial performance*
- **Process** - conduct *risk assessment* to appropriately evaluate potential performance (rather than worst-case scenario) of any plan, per recent *dam safety guidelines*
- **Risk assessment**
 - *performance model* translates *inputs* → *outputs*
 - inherent uncertainties in inputs and in model result in uncertainties in outputs
 - quantify uncertainty in terms of *probability*
 - assess probability *objectively* or *subjectively*

Risk assessment 2014 January



Risk Inputs (3 of 10)

■ Dam “Failure” (cont.)

- Dam failure/breach – overtopping (flow rate/duration) relationship
 - Middle Dam
 - Lower Dam

Status: We do not have any overtopping “breach” analyses for either dam from previous studies. We need breach analyses at several overtopping values for each dam in order to subjectively develop the complete relationship (by interpolation/extrapolation), and subjective assessment of the uncertainty in that relationship.

- Dam failure/breach – other causes (e.g., piping) relationship
 - Middle Dam
 - Lower Dam

Status: We do not have any other failure analyses for either dam from previous studies nor reliable models to do such analyses. We need subjective assessment of probability of dam failure by other causes (not seismic or overtopping, e.g., piping).

Risk assessment 2014 January



Risk Inputs (2 of 10)

■ Seismic Load

- Exceedance Frequency – Magnitude (pga) relationship

Status: We have this relationship from previous studies, but need to develop site-specific seismic inputs and subjectively assess uncertainties.

■ Dam “Failure”

- Dam failure – seismic (pga) relationship
 - Middle Dam
 - Lower Dam

Status: We have “performance” of each dam for several pga values from previous studies. However, we will collect additional geotechnical data from the ongoing investigation (geophysics & drilling), which will be used to develop parameters for re-analysis. We need performance at several pga’s for each dam (also considering previous results) in order to subjectively develop the complete relationship (by interpolation/extrapolation), and subjective assessments of: a) the uncertainty in modeled performance; and b) the probability of failure - performance relationship and the uncertainty in that relationship. Note: not differentiating degree of dam failure.

Risk assessment 2014 January



Risk Inputs (5 of 10)

■ Lower Dam Release (cont.)

- Magnitude (flow rate/duration) for Lower Dam overtopping failure in combination with
 - No Middle Dam failure
 - Middle Dam overtopping failure
 - Middle Dam seismic failure
 - Middle Dam failure by other causes (e.g., piping)

Status: We do not have any overtopping “breach” analyses to determine the magnitude of release for either dam if breached, from previous studies. We need breach analyses at several overtopping values for each dam (done elsewhere) in order to subjectively develop the complete relationship (by interpolation/extrapolation) of dam release magnitude to overtopping value, and subjective assessment of the uncertainty in that relationship, for each dam.

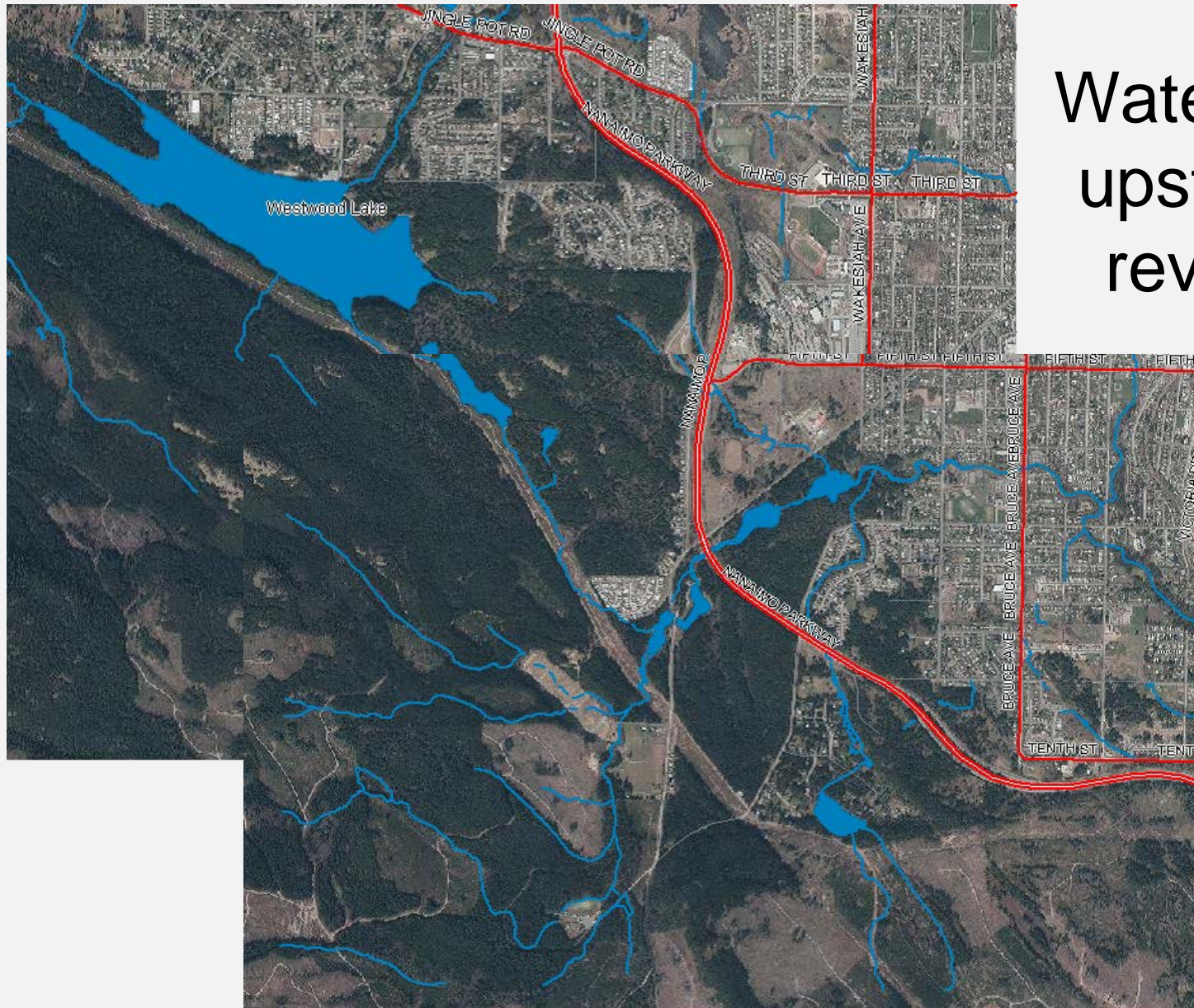
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Risk Model

- Algorithms (outputs from inputs in chains) implemented in *MS Excel* with *@Risk* (commercial add-in) to do probabilistic analysis:
 - Inputs expressed probabilistically (representing their uncertainties)
 - Outputs calculated probabilistically (representing their uncertainties) via *Monte Carlo simulation* (many possible sets of input values are generated, each with known probability, from which outputs with known probability are generated)
- Simulation Sequence:
 - Maximum precipitation and seismic events
 - ➔ Dam(s) failure mode (each with particular lower dam release, timing and warning/no warning)
 - ➔ Downstream inundation and downstream population/property
 - ➔ Downstream damage and casualties
- *Status*: In development

Maximum precipitation and seismic events



Watershed upstream reviews

Has the watershed be studied – hydrology and volumes of water calculated

LONG TERM INVESTMENT AND INVESTIGATION

Dam Removal Option– Middle and Lower Dams

Chris Gräpel, M.Eng., P.Eng.

May 2013



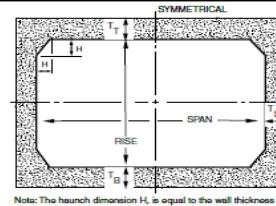
Hydraulic Capacity of Precast Concrete Boxes

Under certain conditions the hydraulic or structural characteristics of reinforced concrete box sections offer advantages over the circular and non-circular pipe shapes commonly used for sewers and culverts. The cost-effective advantages of precast concrete pipe productions and construction methods are available in a product manufactured in accordance with the ASTM Standard C1433, Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains and Sewers and Standard C1577, Precast Reinforced Concrete Monolithic Box Sections for Culverts, Storm Drains, and Sewers Designed According to AASHTO LRFD. The American Concrete Pipe Association's CP Info, Precast Concrete Box Sections, presents the development and verification of the design method and standard sizes.

STANDARD DESIGNS

The standard precast concrete box section produced under Standards C1433 and C1577 is shown in Figure 1, and the standard sizes and wall thicknesses are shown in Tables 1 and 2. The standard sizes have 45-degree haunches with a leg dimension equal to the wall thickness. The availability and construction details of box sections should be discussed with local concrete pipe producers. Precast box designs other than standard are available through American Concrete Pipe Association member companies.

Figure 1 Standard Box Section



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Table 1 Standard Box Sizes

Rise Feet	Span, Feet											
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
3												
4												
5												
6												
7												
8												
9												
10												
11												
12												

Table 2 Standard Thicknesses

Span Feet	T ₁ , Inches		T ₂ , Inches		T ₃ , Inches	
	> 2'	< 2'	> 2'	< 2'	> 2'	< 2'
3	4	7	4	6	4	4
4	5	7 1/2	5	6	5	5
5	6	8	6	7	6	6
6	7	8	7	7	7	7
7	8	8	8	8	8	8
8	8	8	8	8	8	8
9	9	9	9	9	9	9
10	10	10	10	10	10	10
11	11	11	11	11	11	11
12	12	12	12	12	12	12

HYDRAULICS OF SEWERS

The hydraulic characteristics of precast concrete box sections are similar to those for circular, arch and elliptical pipe. The most widely accepted formula for evaluating the hydraulic capacity of non-pressure conduit is the Manning Formula. This formula is:

$$Q = \frac{1.486}{n} \times A \times R^{2/3} \times S^{1/2} \quad (1)$$

Where:

Q = discharge in cubic feet per second
n = Manning's roughness coefficient
A = cross-sectional area of flow, square feet



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL No. 1414

Cost Estimate Peer Review – Colliery Dams Rehabilitation/Renewal

Issue date: January 30, 2013

Closing Location:
Purchasing Department
2020 Labieux Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9

Many Spillway investigations

Lower Dam Existing Spillway Capacity

- WMC 2002 report:
 - 14 cross section HEC-RAS Model described and results tabulated, but details about model not available
 - Reference to prior EBA 1992 study that indicates maximum capacity of 55 m³/sec
 - 35.0 m³/sec capacity at elevation 73.4 (dam crest)
 - 25.0 m³/sec maximum capacity without overtopping chute walls due to hydraulic jump
- Golder 2014 simple broad crested weir calculation:
 - This is a rough approximation presented only for reference
 - Equation: $q = clh^{1.5}$
 - $c = 1.45$ (from King and Brater)
 - $l = 11$ m (existing spillway width excluding center pier)
 - $h = 1.8$ m (vertical distance from low point in dam crest to spillway crest)
 - $q = 38.5$ m³/sec (maximum discharge capacity of existing spillway)
- Golder 2014 HEC-RAS Model:
 - Created independently of description of WMC's 2002 model
 - Created using best available topographic information and photographs (to approximate bridge deck geometry)
 - 39.0 m³/sec maximum discharge capacity (at elevation 73.38)
 - Hydraulic jump is observed in model similar to WMC's 2002 findings, but our model indicates that a 39 m³/sec flow is contained (barely) by the existing spillway walls
- Summary
 - There is very close correlation to each of these three efforts to determine the existing Lower Dam spillway capacity
 - We have a good handle on the capacity and performance of the existing spillway at the lower dam



After numerous reports confusion on spillway size



CALCULATIONS

Date: 06/18/2014
Project No.: 1314470618
Subject: Rating Curves for Existing Conditions
Project Short Title: Nanaimo/Colley Dams/Nanaimo, BC

Made By: JCD
Checked By: JOM
Reviewed By: GWH

Lower Dam Methodology

HEC-RAS Version 4.1.0 was used to develop a rating curve for the existing Lower Dam spillway. The 1-meter contours presented in plan drawings prepared by Keith Crippen Berger and provided by the Client were referenced to create representative cross sections of the spillway. Additionally, field measurements of the pedestrian bridge were taken and modeled as such. Note, this rating curve only accounts for flows through the spillway. The flow overtopping the dam has been modeled as a non-level "Dam Top" in HEC-HMS using coefficient and cross section parameters. This cross section is represented by 8 points along the dam and accounts for the Lower Dam's irregular dam top. Flows from 5 to 305 m³/sec in 5 m³/sec increments were analyzed, and the resulting headwater depths recorded to create the rating curve.

The HEC-RAS model results were compared to the rating curve developed in 2001 by WMC and provided in Table 3.1: Middle Chase River Dam Spillway Capacity in the "City of Nanaimo Middle and Lower Chase River Dams Spillway Hydrology Study" by Water Management Consultants (WMC). The modeling results show some variation to the WMC Lower Dam rating curve. For example, Golden found that 55 m³/sec will pass through the existing spillway without overtopping the dam at 73.4 meters (msl). WMC reported the Lower Dam spillway capacity to be 35 m³/sec. However, the WMC study then references previous studies that indicate a spillway capacity of 55 m³/sec. Similar to the WMC study, the Golden HEC-RAS model also shows that certain flows are causing a hydraulic jump in and upstream of the converging section of the spillway.

Lower Dam Spillway Rating Curve

W.S. Elev. (meters (msl))	Q ² (m ³ /sec ²)	Head (meters above crest)	Note
71.60	0.0	0	Crest Elevation
71.99	5.0	0.4	
72.21	10.0	0.6	
72.40	15.0	0.8	
72.57	20.0	1.0	
72.79	25.0	1.1	
72.87	30.0	1.3	
73.02	35.0	1.4	
73.04	36.0	1.4	
73.06	37.0	1.5	
73.10	38.0	1.5	
73.12	39.0	1.5	
73.14	40.0	1.5	
73.24	45.0	1.6	
73.33	50.0	1.7	
73.43	55.0	1.8	
73.54	60.0	1.9	
73.65	65.0	2.0	
73.75	70.0	2.1	
73.85	75.0	2.2	
73.95	80.0	2.3	
74.05	85.0	2.4	
74.15	90.0	2.5	
74.25	95.0	2.7	
74.37	100.0	2.8	
74.50	105.0	2.9	

*Does not include dam overtopping.

II. SPILLWAYS

There also appears to be some doubt, confusion or uncertainty as to the capacity of the lower dam spillway. The following examples support this:

- From the Dam Safety Program Summary Report: "The hydrological aspects of the Chase River System were assessed and reported in the 1978 Storm Drainage Study. The inflow to the Lower Chase River reservoir was estimated to be 57.8 m³/s, for a 100 year storm in the 1978 study. The spillway capacity with a 0.9 m discharge depth (determined by the top of the concrete wall) was

Originally 35 M3 P/Sec then determined to be 55 M3 P/Sec
Other method of calculation puts the spillway over 100 M3

Studies on flows and capacity



Explanation of difference in 1,000 year flow increase vs. PMF flow decrease:

WMC performed a detailed hydrologic analysis for their PMF storm, but used seemingly highly conservative values without providing many elements of supporting information. This has been discussed in great detail in the power point presentation we prepared for the January TC meeting. Golder did the same analysis, using the same methodology, but using refined inputs and generated PMF results that were significantly less than WMC determined.

Golder used the same methodology to perform a detailed hydrologic analysis to determine the flows associated with various return frequency storm events (2 through 1,000-year). WMC's 2002 study presented a single return frequency (1,000-year) that was determined by scaling 1,000-year values from other watershed, most of which were much, much larger than the watersheds that exist at the Colliery Dams, and determined a flow for the 1,000-year storm. This is a crude method using extrapolated data (gage data is not available for anywhere near 1,000 years of time) and not taking into account other potential variations in basin characteristics (landuse, soils, terrain, elevation, vegetation, location, riverine storage, manmade storage, etc.). Section 4.3 on page 12 of the 2012 WMC report describes their methodology.

THE COMMUNITY EXCEPTS MANY RISKS AND STANDARDS

It is staff's professional obligation to provide accurate and relevant technical, financial and legal advice

From: Susan Clift

Sent: January 22, 2013 11:09

To: Mayor&Council; SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Cc: Philip Cooper; Bill Sims

FW: Engineering Work for the Colliery Dams Removal Project

Whether the dams will be remediate or removed or reconstructed is a decision that will be completely up to Council. **It is staff's professional obligation to provide accurate and relevant technical, financial and legal advice from which Council can make an informed decision.** Council has asked for more detailed costing information on the alternatives to dam decommissioning. In considering whether to change the current course of action, Council may weigh such factors as:

- public safety and Council's liability,
- tolerance for short term and long term risk,
- initial capital cost,
- tolerance for park disruption,
- tolerance for ongoing costs to upgrade the dams **as standards change over time,**
- the likelihood of professional assurance and regulatory approvals,

the desires of the affected communities: those that are in the inundation zone, those that are park users, and the SFN perspective. Staff will use best efforts to pull all of this information together and provide recommendations in an expeditious manner.

Susan Clift, P.Eng.

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3 MIN FAILURE 150 DEATHS

PROVEN INACCURATE

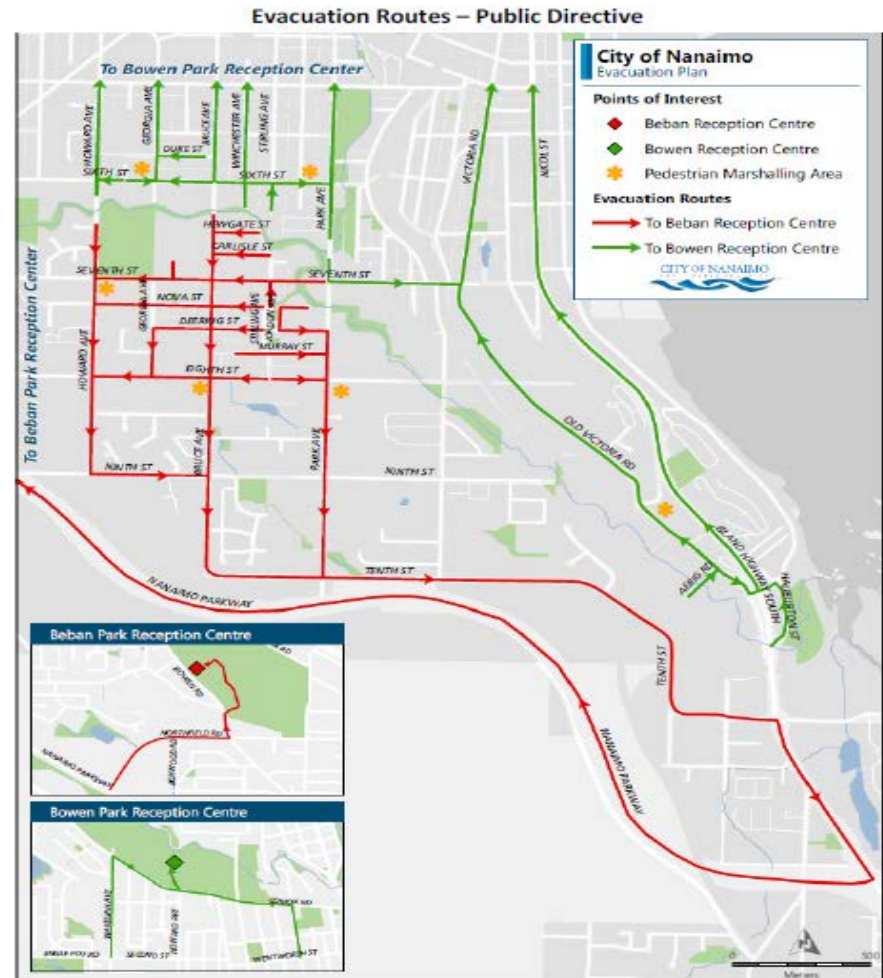
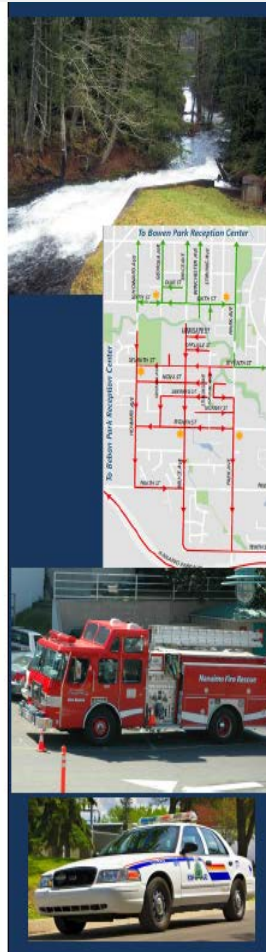
Planning based on catastrophic failure

COLLIERY DAMS (UPPER AND LOWER DAMS)

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

PREPARED BY: KAREN LINDSAY

Nanaimo Fire Rescue
Emergency Management Division



3 MIN FAILURE 150 DEATHS PROVEN INACCURATE

EXERCISE COLLIER COLLAPSE

MASTER SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LIST

SEPTEMBER 20, EXERCISE COLLIER COLLAPSE

EXERCISE COLLIER COLLAPSE_MASTER SEQUENCE OF EVENTS LIST

- **Set Time From To Input Expected Action or Prompting Questions Teaching Points**
- **1300 Exercise Introduction:**; Review of exercise goal, objectives and conduct;
- Goal: To practice the ECC Planning Section in managing information and conducting action planning
- Objectives: To review the following: The action planning process; Preparation of a Situation Report; Management of a master log; and Management of graphic displays (maps, etc)
- Conduct: This exercise will be conducted using the tabletop exercise format. Over approximately a three-hour period various “vignettes” will be presented to exercise participants describing specific events. Participants will consider the event, describe their response, and the exercise director will facilitate a discussion of this response among the other exercise participants. This exercise will commence with a shift-change at the beginning of the second operational period. Rather than starting from the beginning of a response, the ECC Planning Section will plan the third and fourth operational periods. At the same time, they will continue to update the master event log and graphic displays.
- Exercise controllers will simulate non-Planning Section ECC functions.
- **Review the scenario:**
- ***Heavy rainfall threatened the dam structures and in anticipation of a possible collapse an evacuation of the inundation area was ordered. Predications were accurate and approximately 30 minutes after ordering the evacuation the dams failed. Although the evacuation of the inundation area was generally successful and most residents were safely moved to higher ground some people refused to evacuate and a search-and-rescue operation is in progress. Fortunately the evacuation occurred outside school hours so staff and school evacuation was not required, however the school has suffered flood damage. Approximately***
- ***1000 persons have been evacuated to various locations outside the inundation area.***

October 17, 2012

File: D720001-00/Middle Chase
D720002-00/Lower Chase

Bill Sims, A.Sc.T.
Manager, Water Resources
City of Nanaimo
2020 Labieux Road
Nanaimo BC V9T 6J9

Dear Bill:


Re: Chase River Dam Breach Flood Inundation Study

Thank you for inviting Monty Miedrieich, John Baldwin and myself to your Dam Safety Table Top Exercise on September 20th and 21st and for forwarding to us the Associated Engineering report entitled Chase River Dam Breach Flood Inundation Study (Inundation Study), dated July 2012. The Inundation Study has been reviewed by our office and its conclusions and recommendations were briefly discussed with you and your staff.

The Inundation Study has highlighted an unacceptable deficiency in both the Middle Chase River Dam and Lower Chase River Dam and states the probability of an extreme failure of these dams is very high. The Inundation Study concludes a 'do-nothing' option is unacceptable and recommends modifications to the dam that include upgrading, replacement or removal of the dams. The Inundation Study also recommends reclassifying both the Middle Chase River Dam and Lower Chase River Dam to an extreme consequence rating based on the estimated number of casualties resulting from a probable seismic event. Our records have now been updated to reflect this recommendation.

At this time we are asking for a decision on your course of action for the Middle Chase River Dam and Lower Chase River Dam by November 30, 2012. Please refer to Section 4 of the BC Dam Safety Regulation on requirements for upgrading or replacement of the dams and Section 9 on the requirements for dam removal.

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Resource Stewardship Division			

Risk based on flawed information

no catastrophic collapse

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Bill Sims, A.Sc.T.

We are pleased with the level of response the City of Nanaimo has shown towards the findings of this Inundation Study to date. We look forward to continuing our close working relationship with you and your staff in resolving this issue.

Yours truly,



Scott Morgan
Dam Safety Section Head

pc: John Baldwin, Dam Safety Officer, West Coast Region

Dam Safety based their risk on the catastrophic collapse that was proven false.

From: Morgan, Scott FLNR:EX [Scott.Morgan@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: November-24-14 7:47 AM
To: 'cliffmarcil@telus.net'
Subject: Middle Chase River Dam and Lower Chase River Dam, Colliery Park
Ref: 210330
Cliff Marcil
Nanaimo, BC
Email: cliffmarcil@telus.net
Dear Cliff Marcil:

Re: Middle Chase River Dam and Lower Chase River Dam, Colliery Park

Thank you for your email of November 13, 2014 regarding the dams in Colliery Park, Nanaimo. I have been asked to respond on behalf of Glen Davidson, Comptroller of Water Rights.

In the Province of British Columbia, dams are regulated under the *Water Act*, BC Dam Safety Regulation. The objective of the Regulation is to minimize the risk of loss of life and damage to property and the environment from a dam breach by

requiring dam owners to inspect their dams, undertake proper maintenance and ensure that these dams meet current engineering standards. The *Act* and Regulation are available under the "Legislation" section of the Dam Safety Program website: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/public_safety/dam_safety/index.html.

Our office is awaiting new information from the City of Nanaimo regarding the consequence classification based on recent engineering studies. Failure consequence classification is based on the potential for loss of life and impacts to infrastructure and the economy should one of the dams fail. Until we are able to review the new information, both of the Colliery Park dams remain classified as extreme failure consequence under the BC Dam Safety Regulation.

As you mention, many engineering studies have been undertaken by the City of Nanaimo on the Colliery Park dams. Undertaking these studies is consistent with the requirements for a dam owner under the BC Dam Safety Regulation.

The studies have determined there are potential safety hazards for both the Lower and Middle Colliery dams. The Regulation

requires that should a potential safety hazard be revealed, the dam owner must prepare a plan that identifies and prioritizes any actions required to correct the potential safety hazard in a timely manner. The City of Nanaimo has identified a plan and is currently moving forward to address the potential safety hazards found with the Colliery Park dams. Although our office has not issued specific timelines, we are working closely with the City of Nanaimo to resolve the issue with the Colliery Park dams in a timely manner.

Yours truly,

Scott Morgan
Head, Dam Safety Section

**2014 November
DSS still
classified as
extreme**

**DSS, Never retracting letters to the newspaper on
catastrophic collapse, 1800 impacted and 150 deaths**



2010 INSPECTION COMPLIANCE FORM FOR OWNERS OF HIGH
& VERY HIGH CONSEQUENCE DAMS

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By Fax at: 250-952-6792

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Register: HC, VI, SR, FM, PU, NL, CY, PG
Consulting: AG, DA

Dam Name: Middle Chase River Dam

Please include contact name, address, phone # & e-mail:

Name: Scott Pammlinger, Water Resources Technologist

Address: City of Nanaimo, Public Works Yard, 2020 Laboux Rd., Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9

Phone: (250) 756-5338

E-mail: scott.pammlinger@nanaimo.ca

572 0001-00

Please read the information overleaf (page 2) before completing this form. You will find more information on our website: www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/public_safety/dam_safety/.

1. Has your Formal Inspection for 2010 been completed? Yes ☒ No ☐
Inspected By: Owner ☐, Other ☒ - Who? BAM Engineering Ltd.
Comments:
 2. Have any Dam Safety Concerns been identified? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes please elaborate.
 3. If yes to #2;
Has a plan been prepared to address the safety concern(s)? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
Comments:
 4. Did you undertake regular (see page 2) Site Surveillance? Yes ☒ No ☐
Comments:
 5. Status of your Dam Safety Review? Complete ☒ Started ☐ Not Started ☐
Expected Completion Date: City will be undertaking next Dam Safety Reviews in 2013.
- Additional comments or suggestions:
Submitted by: Scott Pammlinger Date: 18-Jan-2011
Position: Water Resources Technologist Phone: 250-756-5338
E-mail: scott.pammlinger@nanaimo.ca

JAN. 18 2011 DAM
INSPECTION
FOR 2010
RECEIVED AT
DAM SAFETY

NO CONCERNS

1. Has your Formal Inspection for 2010 been completed? Yes ☒ No ☐

Inspected By: Owner ☐, Other ☒ - Who? BAM Engineering Ltd.

Comments:

2. Have any Dam Safety Concerns been identified? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes please elaborate.



2011 INSPECTION COMPLIANCE FORM FOR OWNERS OF
HIGH, VERY HIGH & EXTREME CONSEQUENCE DAMS

Date Received:
JAN 11 2012

SUBMIT FORM TO:

By Mail at: Dam Safety Section, Water Management Branch
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Victoria BC
Please use pre-paid, self addressed envelope and address below
By Fax at: 250-952-6792
By email at: dam.safety@gov.bc.ca

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Province: BC, VI, SK, MB, PE, NL, YL, PG
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LOWER CHASE RIVER DAM

SCOTT PAMMINGER
CITY OF NANAIMO
PUBLIC WORKS YARD
NANAIMO BC V9T 6J9

Is Contact Name and Address correct?

YES ☒ NO ☐ Please correct below:

File Number for correspondence: D720002-00

Please include contact phone # & e-mail:

Phone: 250-756-5338

E-mail: Scott.pamminger@nanaimo.ca

Please read the information on the back (page 2) before completing this form. You will find more information on our website: www.enr.gov.bc.ca/enr/public_safety/dam_safety/.

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Inspected By: Owner ☐ Other ☒ Who? BMA Engineering Ltd.
Comments:
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Has a plan been prepared to address the safety concern(s)? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
Comments:
- Did you undertake regular (see page 2) Site Surveillance? Yes ☒ No ☐
Comments:
- Has a Professional Engineer completed your Dam Safety Review? Y ☒ No ☐ Started ☐
If "Started DSR", scheduled completion date is:
- Have you submitted your Dam Safety Review? Yes ☒ No ☐
- Do you have a current OMS & EPP? Yes ☒ No ☐
- Have you completed the annual EPP review? Yes ☒ No ☐ Year last updated: 2012

Additional comments or suggestions: Updating EPP in progress.

Submitted by: Scott Pamminger Date: January 5, 2012

Position: Water Resources Specialist Phone: 250-756-5338

Water Management Branch
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JAN. 8 2012 DAM INSPECTION FOR 2011 RECEIVED AT DAM SAFETY

NO CONCERNS

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Inspected By: Owner ☐ Other ☒ Who? BMA Engineering Ltd.
Comments:
- Have any Dam Safety Concerns been identified? Yes ☐ No ☒ If yes please elaborate.

From: Bill Sims [mailto:Bill.Sims@nanaimo.ca]

Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 11:31 AM

To: Morgan, Scott FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Reservoir No 1 and Colliery Dams Roundtable

Hi Scott – Ouch – too bad! I had scheduled the meeting to be before spring break in this area, hoping that we would capture most people. I think it's important that we have DS reps there to help keep the focus and perspective on the seriousness of failure vs the potential conflicting objective of environmental value of the ponds.

I understand that Will is hanging around for a bit of time, so hopefully he is available that day, and John as well.

We will be definitely having further meetings on this system; we've just received a draft inundation study. It will be a challenge to communicate the implications of failure in the face of the community's love of the park.

Take care!

Bill

FEB 24 2012
EMAIL FROM
CITY
DESCRIBES THE
PONDS AND

DSS ASKED...
HELP
NEEDED
TO KEEP FOCUS
ON RISK...
THAT DID NOT
EXIST

From: Morgan, Scott FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 12:34 PM
To: 'Bill Sims'
Cc: Baldwin, John FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Reservoir No 1 and Colliery Dams Roundtable

Hi Bill,

I haven't talked to John but know Will won't be able to attend the meeting either.

Not Responsive

Not Responsive

These dam's of yours do pose an interesting problem and we will definitely do our best to help out. Thanks for the invite, hopefully I will be available for the next round,

Cheers,
Scott-

FEB 24 2012
EMAIL FROM
DSS

DAM SAFETY
OFFER TO
DO OUR BEST
TO HELP
OUT

RISK THAT DID
NOT EXIST

DEFICIENCY CHECKLIST

If you find deficiencies with any component of your dam, use the following table to guide you to the relevant section of the SELF-HELP GUIDE in the Appendix of the Inspection and Maintenance of Small Dams booklet.

<i>IS THERE ANY APPARENT...</i>	<i>YES</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>IF YES THEN...</i>
CRACKS			
• embankment cracks on the crest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 2.4, 2.5 & 2.6
• embankment cracks on the u/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 3.5
• embankment cracks on the d/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 4.1
VEGETATION GROWTH AND DEBRIS			
• excessive vegetation growth on the embankments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 2.1, 3.4 & 5.2
• floating debris?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 1.2
• vegetation or debris blocking the spillway channel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 8.2
STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS			
• settlement on the crest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 2.7
• slough, slides or bulges on the u/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 3.6
• slough, slides or bulges on the d/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 4.2
• slough, slides or bulges on the reservoir shore?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 1.1
• slough, slide or erosion of spillway channel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 8.1
• sinkhole on crest?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 2.8
• sinkhole on u/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 3.7
• sinkhole on d/s slope?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 4.4
• displaced or broken down riprap armor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 3.2
SEEPAGE			
• wet areas or seepage on the d/s slope or toe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 4.3 & 5.1
• ponded water at the downstream toe?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 5.2
• wet areas or seepage along d/s abutments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 6.1
ANIMAL ACTIVITY			
• signs of livestock traffic across dam embankment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 4.5
• rodent burrows in dam embankment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 2.2 & 3.3
• beaver dams in reservoir or across spillway channel?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 1.3
OUTLET PROBLEMS			
• outlet operating problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 7.1
• deterioration of the outlet conduit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 7.2
SPILLWAY PROBLEMS			
• spillway blockage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 8.3
• channel blockage?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 8.2
• inadequate capacity?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	section 8.3

Show me the money
by
doing the right thing



No deficiencies can be determined by DSS self help guide checklist

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

In the Business of Emergencies and
Emergency Management



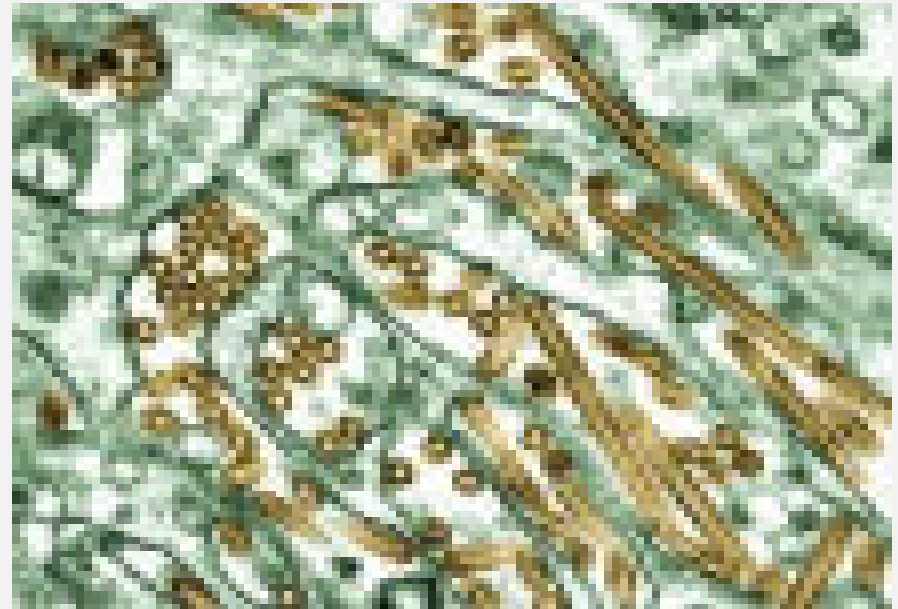
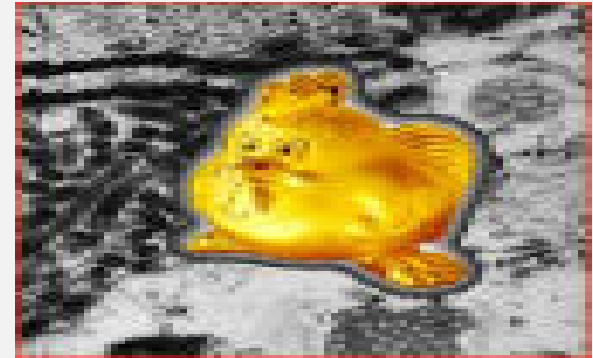
**There is usually no next time, no 2nd chance
And there is no time out**

We know some events build slowly!

**With FLOODING for example:
there will be a next time, but still no 2nd chance,
or time out**



And some events just build!



**With Pandemic Influenza for example:
there will be a next time, but still no 2nd chance,
or time out**

There are far greater concerns facing Nanaimo drought, water interruptions, earthquakes

Mother Nature's IMPACT ON WATER

As large towns and cities across Canada continue to grow, large paved surfaces and extreme weather conditions dramatically increase the challenge of managing excess water caused by storms.

68% Canadians say that we should prepare for **THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR DISASTER** that affects storm water management systems



9/10

Canadians believe that a major disaster of the magnitude of **HURRICANE SANDY** IS POSSIBLE IN THEIR COMMUNITY



\$80 BILLION



replacement cost for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in Canada reported to be **IN 'FAIR' TO 'VERY POOR' CONDITION**

78%

believe their town's water infrastructure is **IN GOOD CONDITION** and don't see a need for investment in upkeep



60%



of 18-34 year olds would give up a **PAVED DRIVEWAY** to help water management

15%

are very aware of the condition of **MUNICIPAL WATER INFRASTRUCTURE**



2013

RBC Canadian
Water Attitudes
Study



Categorized Disasters

Natural

Earthquake

Flood

Forest Fire

Landslide

Severe Weather

Wind Storm

Industrial

Urban Fire

Hazardous

Materials

Explosion

Structural

Collapse

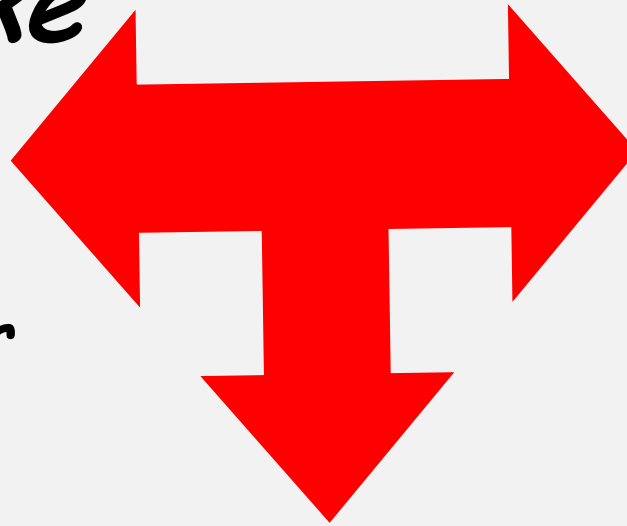
Transportation

Social/Political

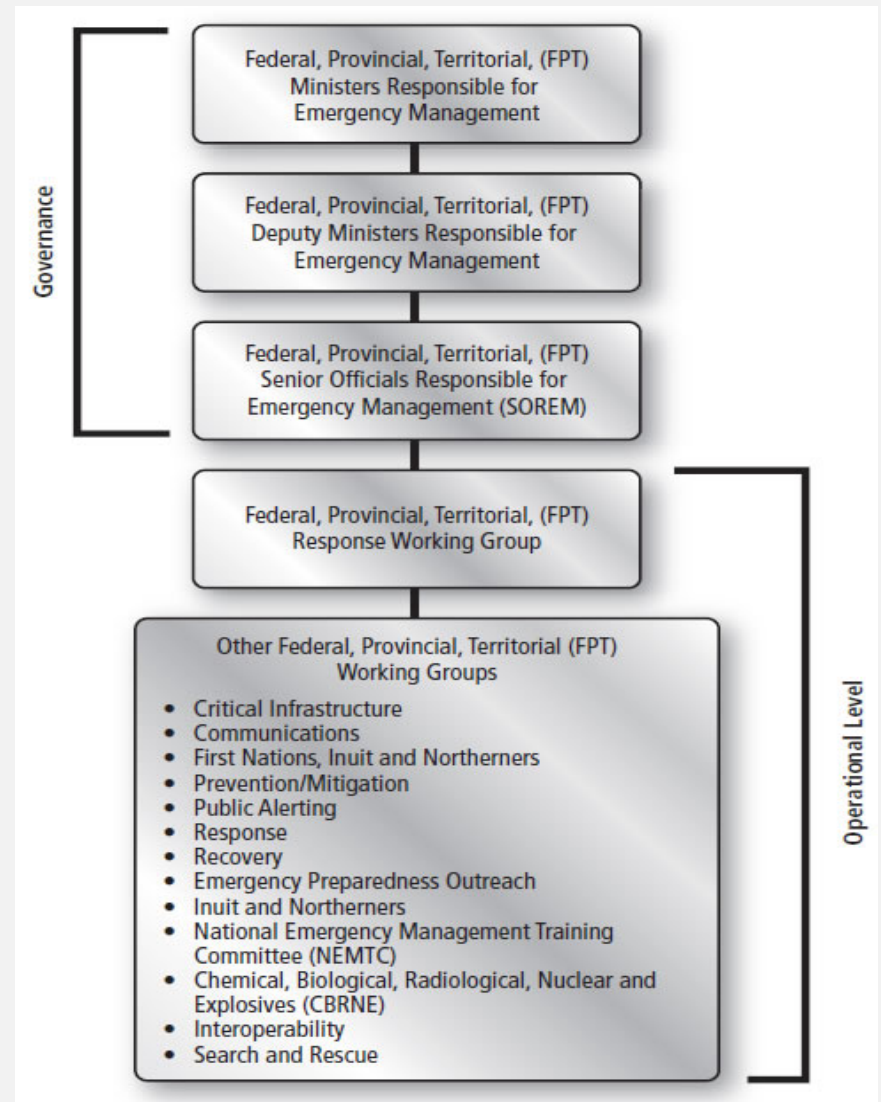
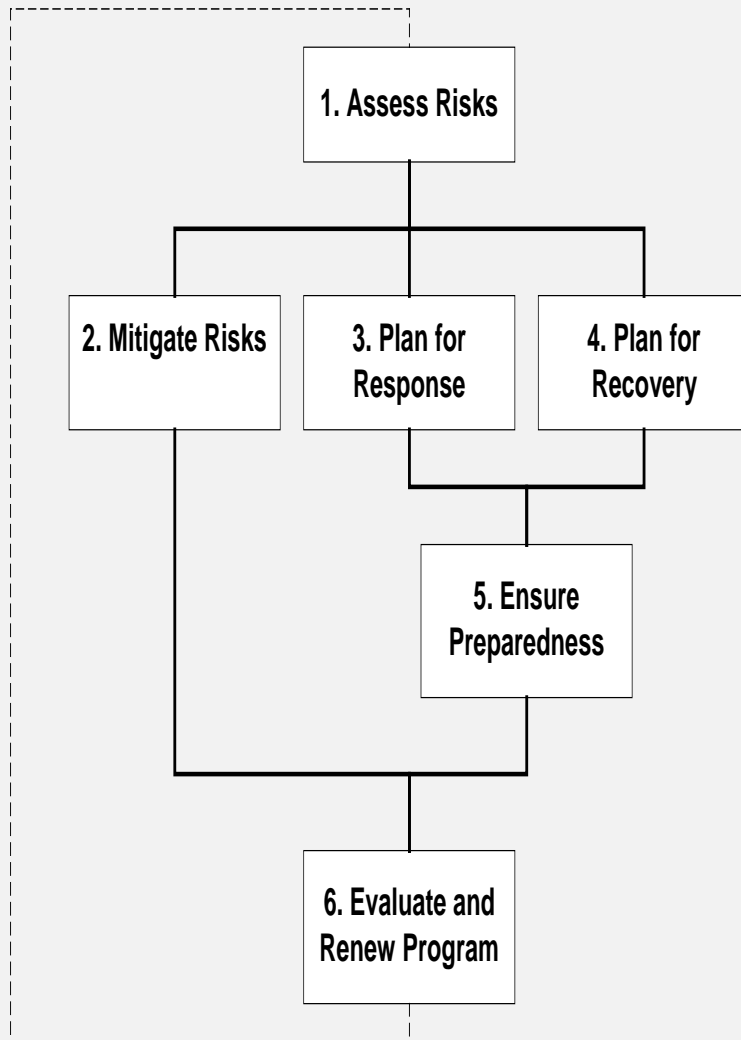
Bomb Threat

Sabotage/Terrorism

Riot



EMERGENCY PLANNING OBJECTIVES



LOCAL AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Emergency Program Guide

Strategies for the Six objectives.

<p>Objective 1 — Assess Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-1 Identify and Map Vulnerabilities 1-2 Research Risk Questions, Record Results 1-3 Identify and Map Risk Areas 1-4 Upgrade Risk Assessment Report 	<p>Objective 4 — Plan for Recovery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4-1 Establish Recovery Procedures 4-2 Identify Sources of Assistance 4-3 Adopt Community Redevelopment Plans
<p>Objective 2 — Mitigate Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-1 Identify Mitigation Options 2-2 Promote Fire Safe Community Program 2-3 Mitigate Dangerous Goods Risks 2-4 Facilitate Flood, Landslide Program 2-5 Revise Land Use Plan to Mitigate Risks 	<p>Objective 5 — Ensure Preparedness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5-1 Identify ECC Members and Alternates 5-2 Establish ECC Facilities and Equipment 5-3 Train ECC and Other Personnel 5-4 Conduct Exercises and Debrief 5-5 Advise Public on Preparedness
<p>Objective 3 — Plan for Response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-1 Verify Resource Contact Information 3-2 Update Agency Plans and Agreements 3-3 Plan for Evacuations 3-4 Facilitate ESS Program 3-5 Update Plan 3-6 Verify Response Capabilities 	<p>Objective 6 — Evaluate & Renew Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6-1 Develop Record-Keeping Systems 6-2 Design Annual Report 6-3 Develop and Recognize Volunteers 6-4 Upgrade Program Guide

There are far greater concerns facing our NANAIMO and region

- Aircraft Crash
- Atmospheric Hazards
- Dam Failure
- Disease and Epidemics
- Drought
- Explosion
- Fire
 - Urban
 - Industrial
- Flooding
- Hazardous Materials
- Landslide or Debris Flows
- Lost Persons
- Marine incident
- Motor Vehicle crashes
- Power Outages
- Rail Crashes
- Seismic Event
- Social disturbance
- Structural Collapse
- Telecommunications failure
- Terrorism
- Volcanic Ash Fallout
- Wildfires

Manifest Local Threats
Getting back to Life or Business as usual.

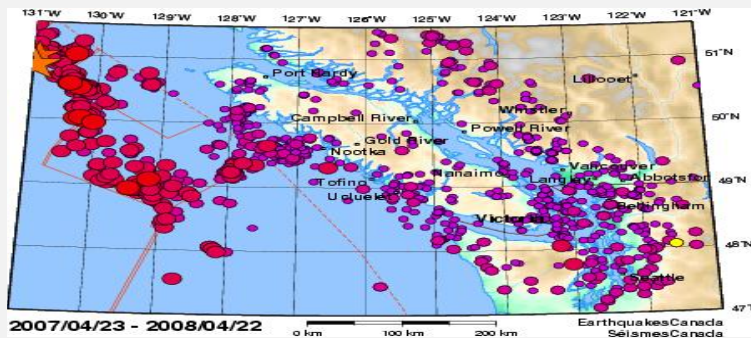
Simple subjective numeric risk calculations

Consequence

- 4 Catastrophic
- 3 Major
- 2 Serious
- 1 Minor

Probability

- 4 Certain
- 3 Probable
- 2 Possible
- 1 Unlikely



Earthquake $4 \times 2 = 8$



Hazmat $3 \times 3 = 9$

*Simple subjective numeric risk calculations for **dams***

Consequence

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Q 1000 yr 1 x 1 = 1

Probability

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- **1 Unlikely**



at worst 1 x 2 = 2

Risk Assessment - WTSHTF

- Aircraft Crash
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- ***Dam Failure***
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Getting back to Life or Business as usual!

RISK IS ACCEPTABLE

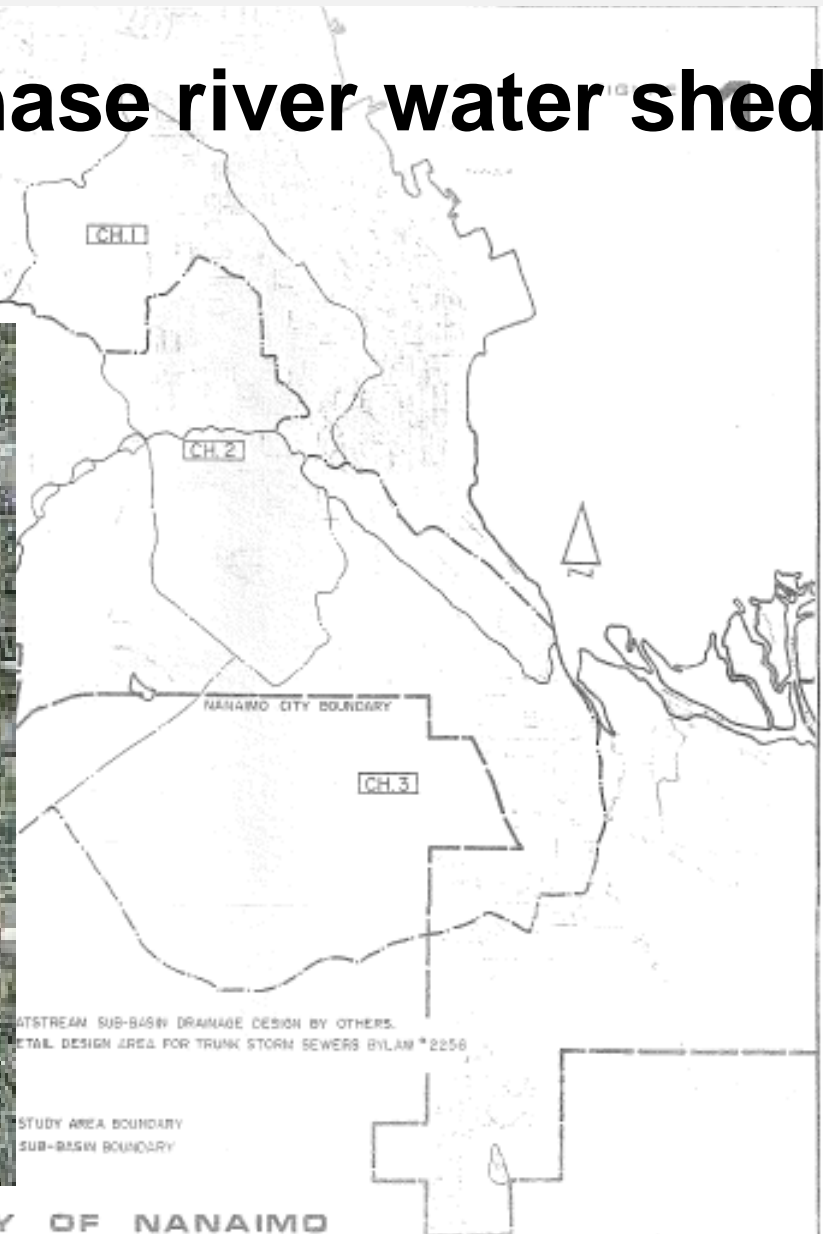
- Under this BC regulation, emergency plans prepared by local authorities must reflect an:

...assessment of the relative risk of occurrence and the potential impact on people and property of emergencies or disasters...

- Identify threats
- To Provide framework for identifying and managing risks.
- Identify risks associated with a particular course of actions designed to deliver a particular outcome.
- Once identified those risks are managed to limit the potential of adverse results and achieve the desired outcomes.
- Risk management is a cyclical process.



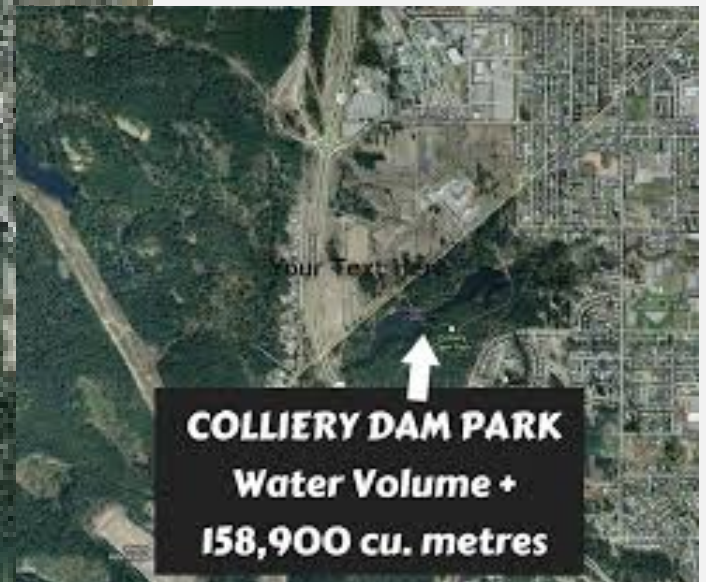
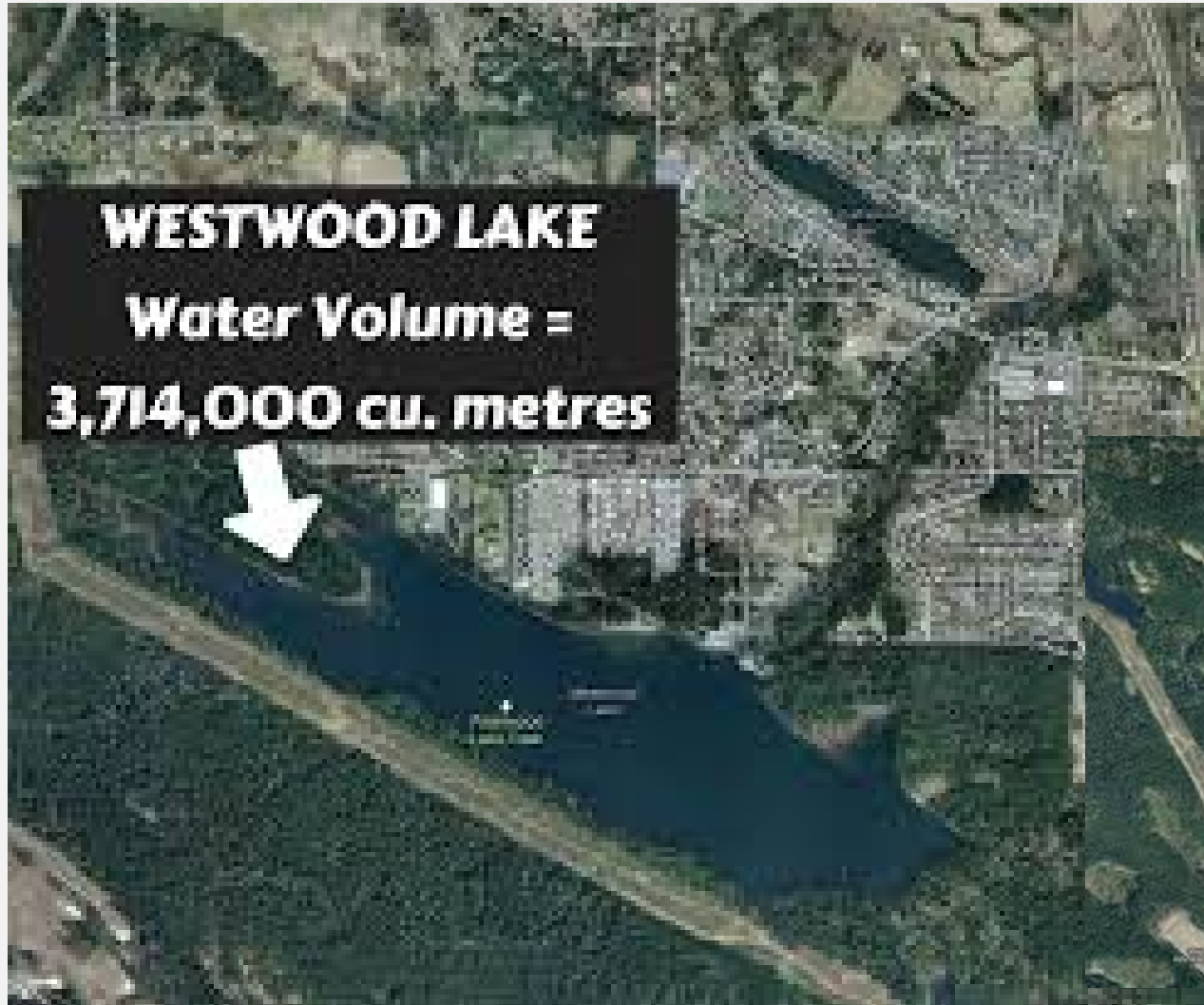
Chase river water shed



CITY OF NANAIMO
CHASE RIVER WATERSHED
STORM WATER MANAGEMENT STUDY AREA

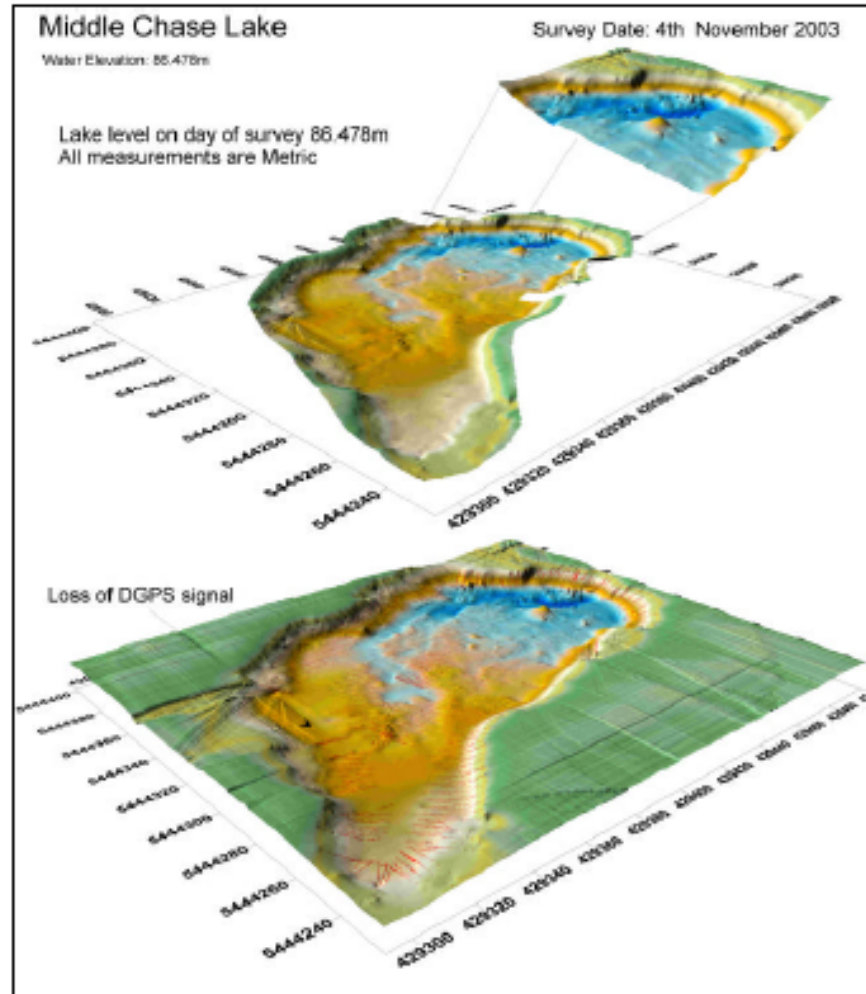
REMINDER OF WESTWOOD LAKE, COLLIERY DAM

**9 DAMS
EXIST
IN
THE CITY**

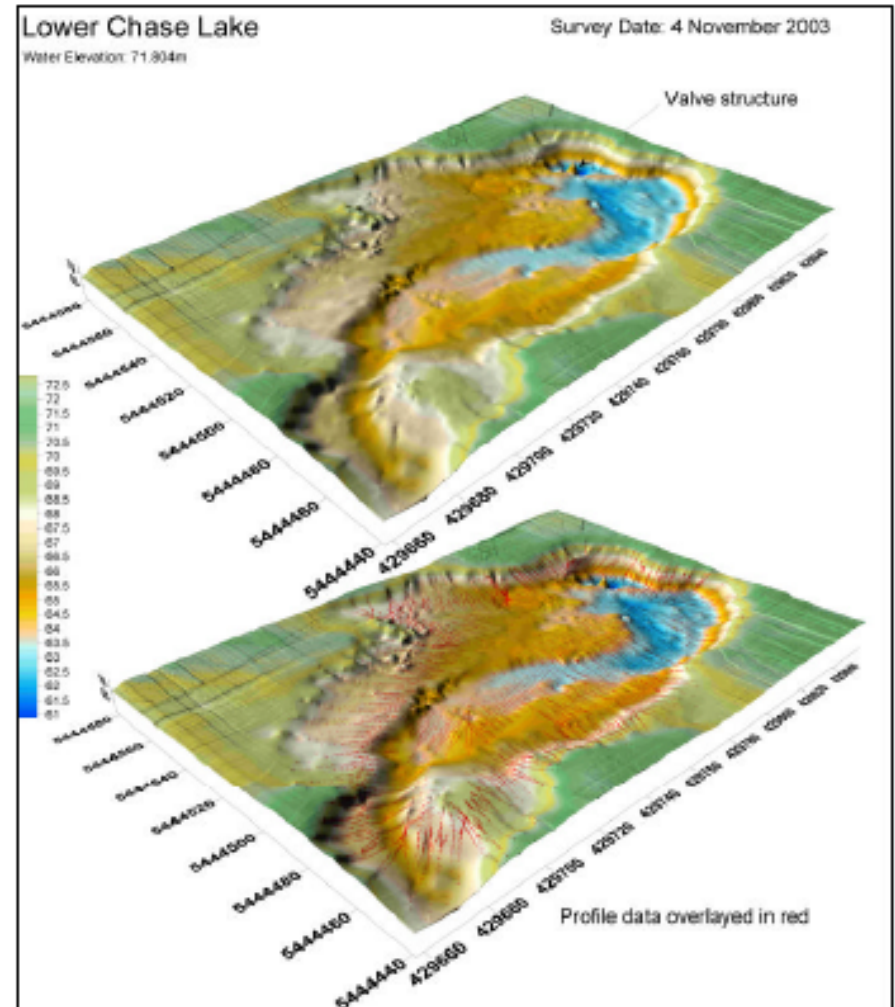


Watershed catchments the ponds

Westwood, Middle and Lower Chase Lakes Profiling Sonar Bathymetry PO # 2150



Westwood, Middle and Lower Chase Lakes Profiling Sonar Bathymetry PO # 2150



7 Principles of Risk Management



1. Global perspective
2. Forward-looking view
3. Open communication
4. Integrated management
5. Continuous process
6. Shared product vision
7. Teamwork

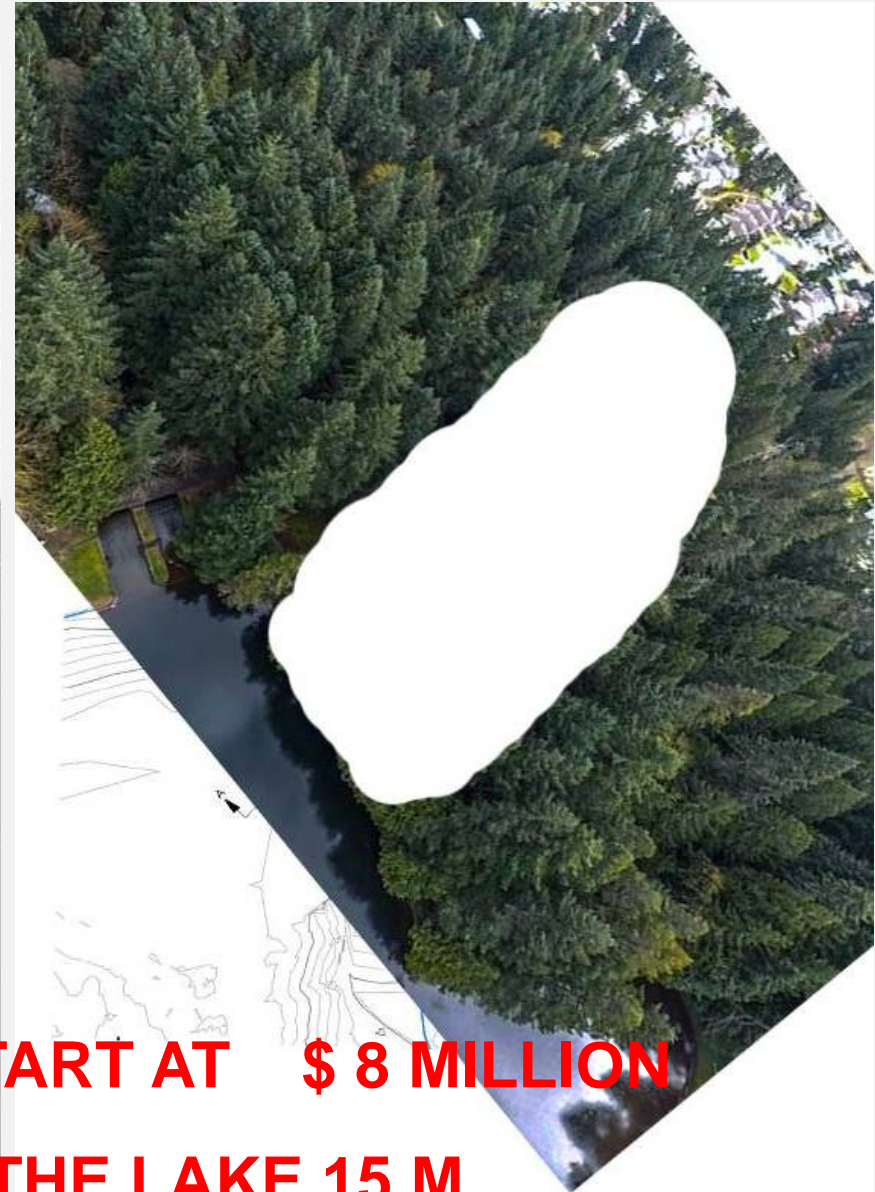
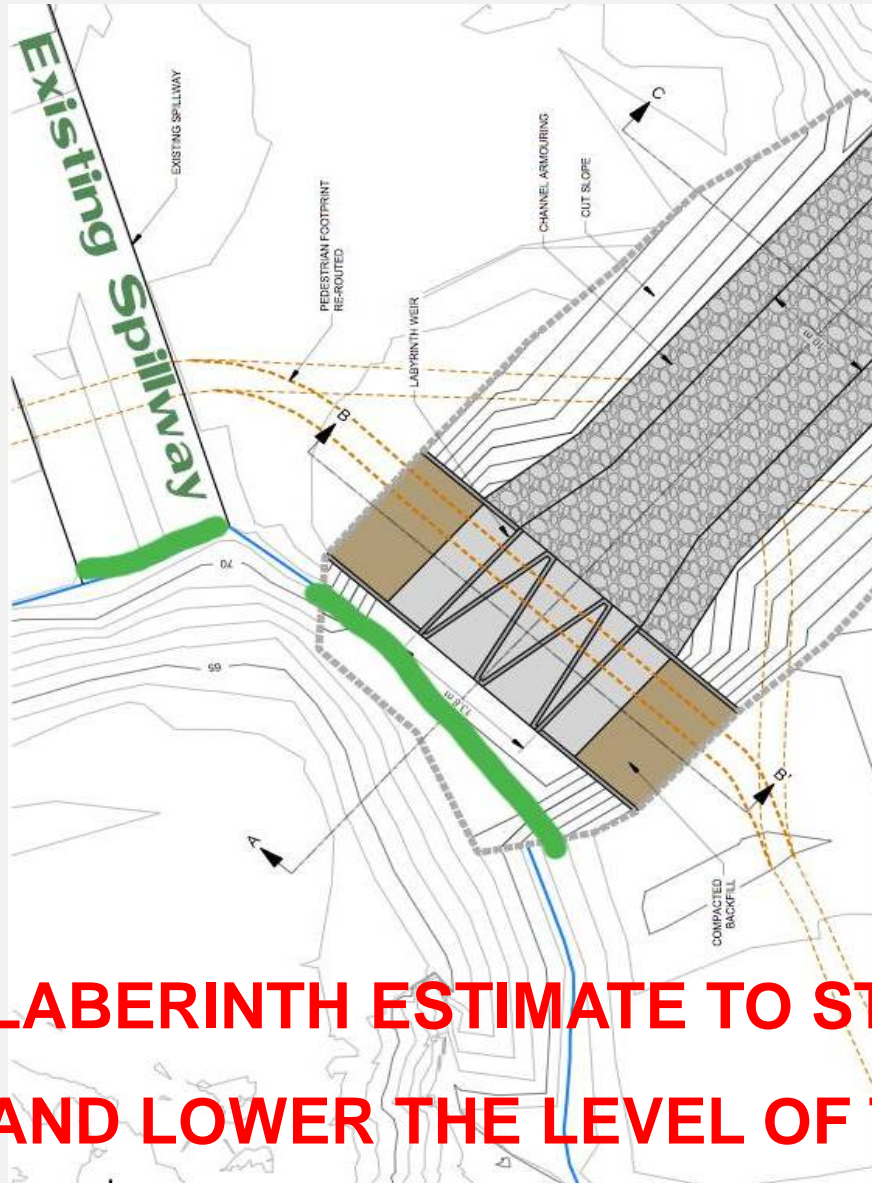
ASK YOURSELF IF A FEW PRINCIPALS GOT MISSED IN THE PROCESS??

DO THE LEAST INTRUSIVE



CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT TREES AND AREA...

SPILLWAYN PLAN MILLIONS OF \$'S PLUS VERY INTRUSIVE



**LABERINTH ESTIMATE TO START AT \$ 8 MILLION
AND LOWER THE LEVEL OF THE LAKE 15 M**

THAT'S THE HISTORY

NOW THE FUTURE



MANAGE THE OVERTOPPING???



BY MASSIVE EXCAVATION AND WIDENED SPILLWAY?

**Park beautification
and Dam hardening**

D/SIDE OF BRIDGE
HARDEN
GSI NOT ON
RAISED WALKWAY ACCESSIBLE
BENCH / SEATING
EXISTING PATH NEW USE
DAM
GREEN SPACE PATHWAY
STREET IMPROVEMENTS
OPTIONAL R.P. AREA
COLLIERY
LOWER POND

- *RISK
- *ENVIRONMENT
- *SOCIAL
- *CULTURAL
- *FINANCIAL

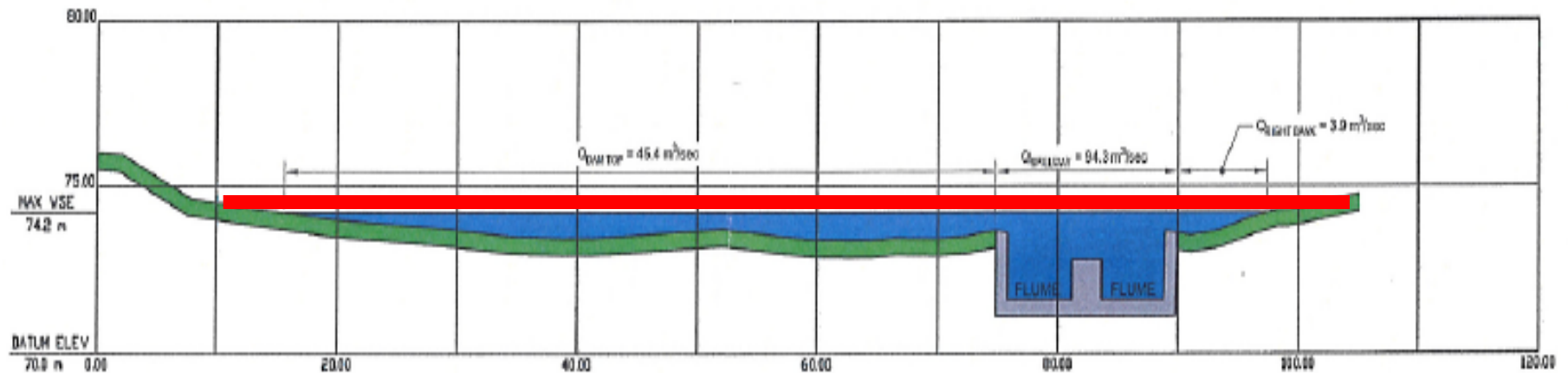
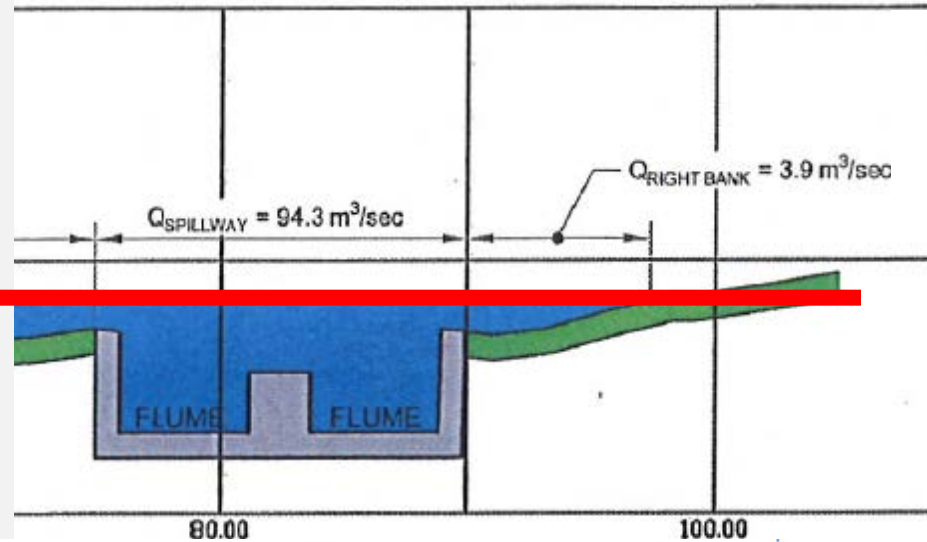
MEETING ALL OF OUR
COMMUNITY NEEDS

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LOWER COLLIERY DAM OVERTOPPING

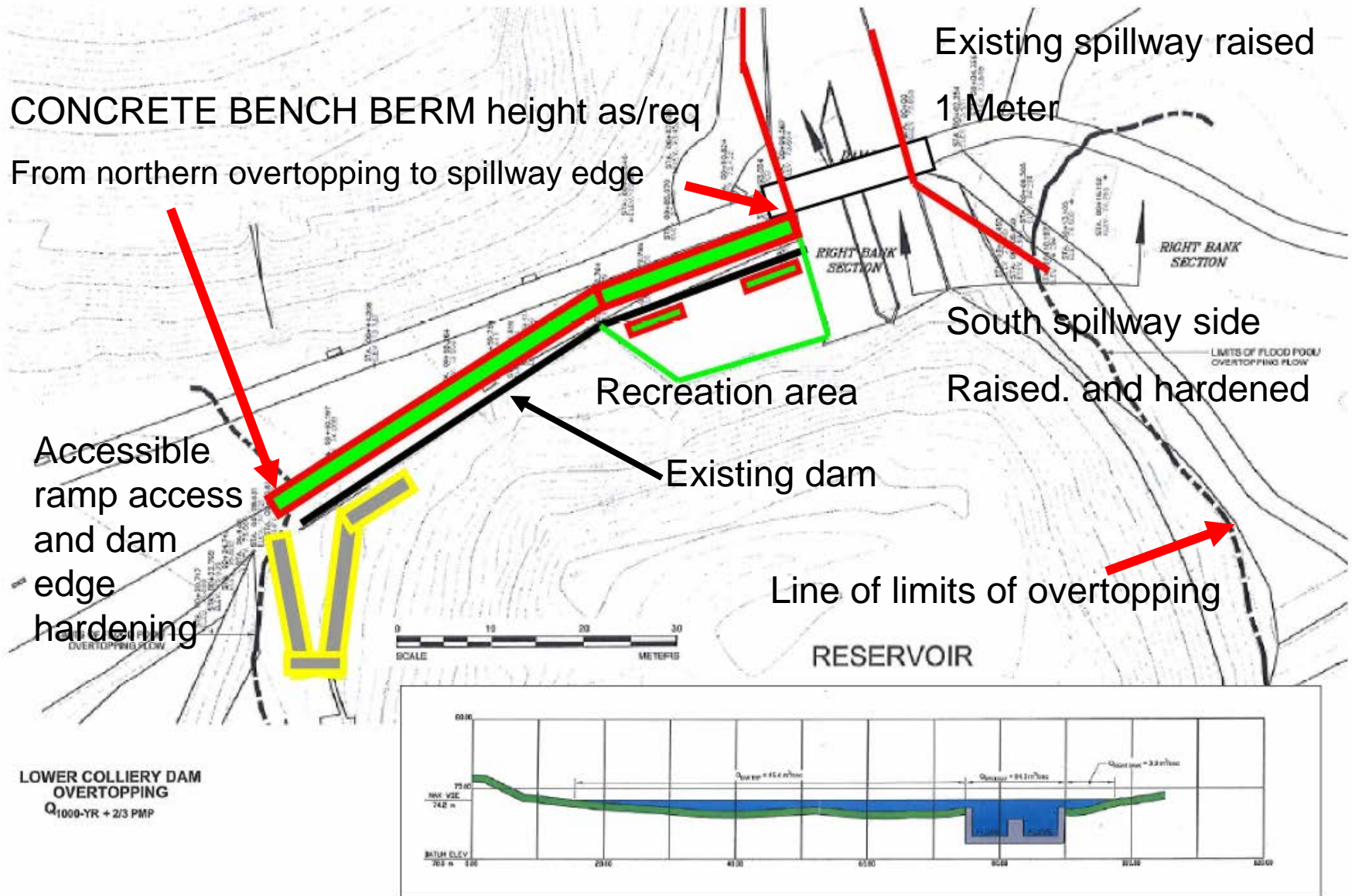
$Q_{1000\text{-YR} + 2/3 \text{ FMP}}$

BASICALLY RAISE THE
DAM MAX. HEIGHT 1 M.



Q1000 AS ACCEPTABLE COMMUNITY RISK

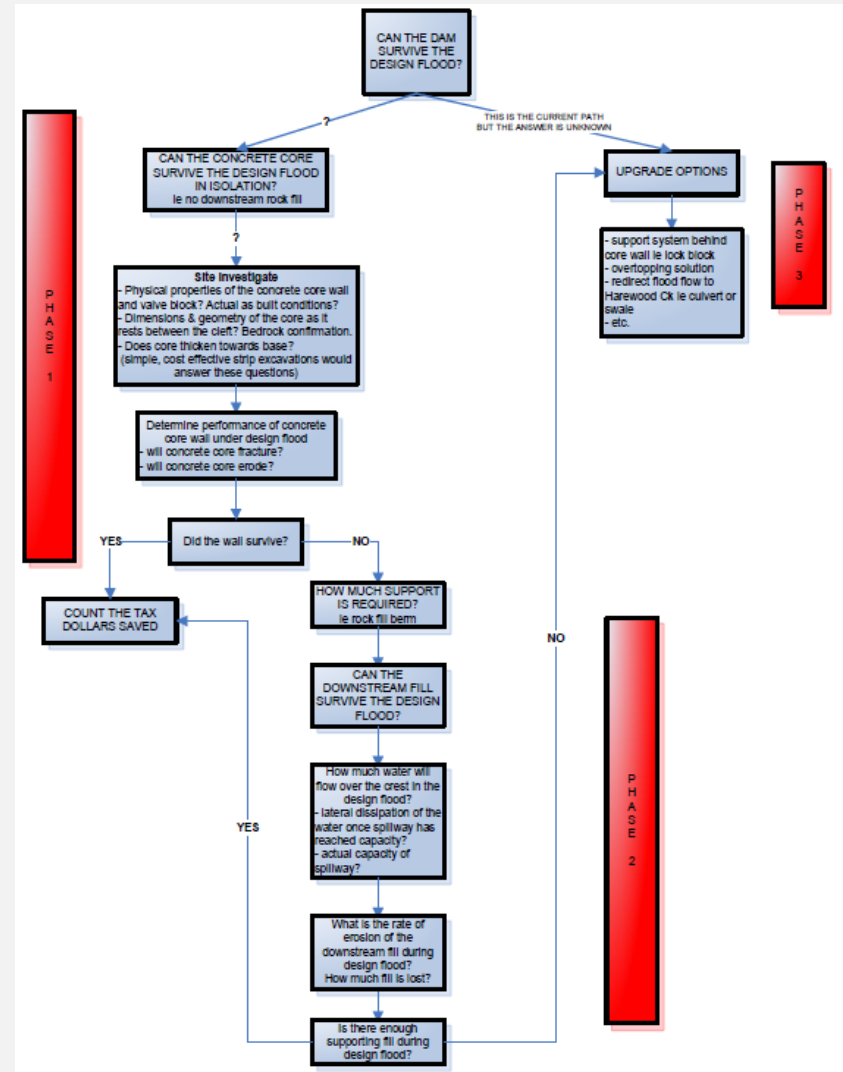
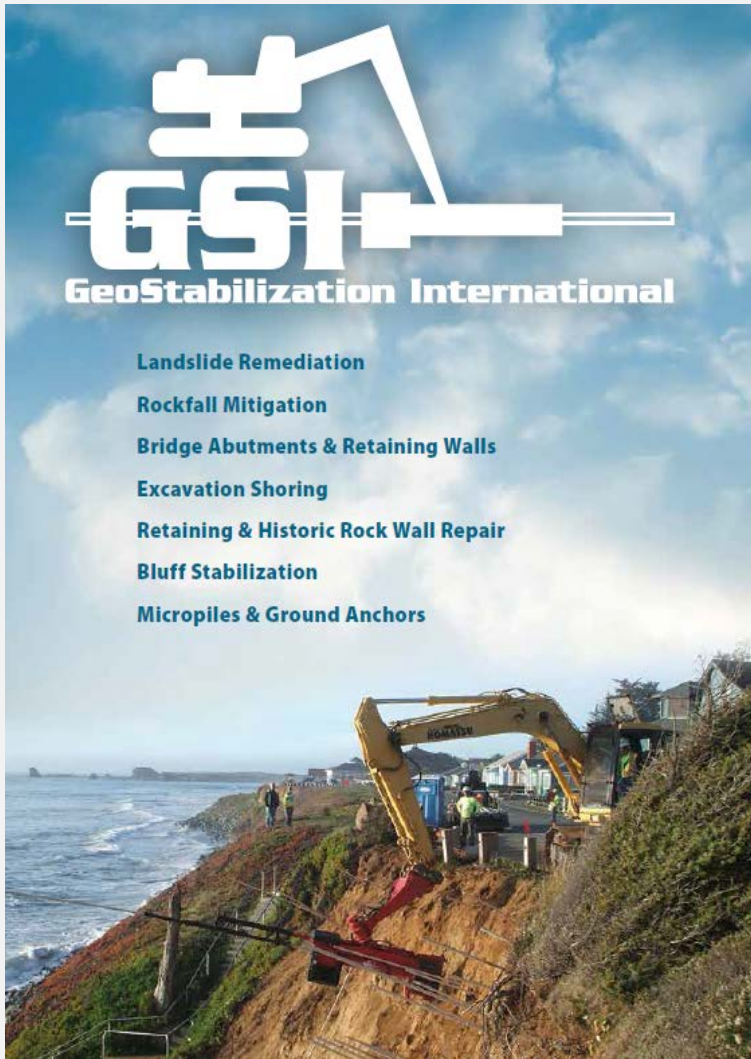
Hardening. Stabilization and Beautification



DAM BENCH/BERM SPILLWAY ENHANCEMENT



Example of bench Berm in California for flooding from global warming.



GeoStabilization to manage the risk

OVERTOPPING RISK MANAGED



GSI ANCHORING OF THE BERM BENCH

GEOSTABILIZATION FOR THE MIDDLE DAM



GEOSTABILIZATION FOR THE MIDDLE DAM



What is it?

Cable Concrete® is one of the most up to date forms of erosion control available. This system of integrating strong flexible stainless steel cable into high strength concrete permits durability and flexibility.

Cable Concrete® is formed to cover an area of 2.44 m x 4.88 m (8 ft. x 16 ft.) and is available in four weights: 20, 35, 45 and 70 lb/sq. ft. This allows you to economically meet the requirements of your particular project.

How does it work?

In order to provide maximum protection, the Cable Concrete® mat must team up with a polyester geotextile base cloth.

The needle punched geotextile allows moisture in the subsoil to drain, preventing build up of

hydraulic pressure beneath the protective concrete mat. As this action takes place, the subgrade material is held in tact by the weight of the Cable Concrete® and separating ability of the geotextile.

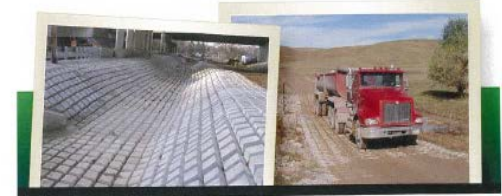
The high strength mat also provides a durable shield to protect subgrade material from high water velocities and wave action.

How is it installed?

Cable Concrete® is exceptionally easy to install above and below water level. On site assembly is not required, therefore labour costs are kept to a minimum.

What to prepare?

Site preparation is minimal as this system can be installed on existing sub grade material following minimal grade preparation.



What is the Flexibility?

In order to provide maximum effectiveness in erosion control, the protective device must keep a uniform pressure on the geotextile and sub-grade material at all times. Due to its integrated cable design, Cable Concrete® will easily conform to any surface changes caused by freeze-thaw, etc.

What is the Stability?

The integrated cable in Cable Concrete® allows for easy interlocking of many mats to form a single strong unit to cover any area required. Clamping is recommended for maximum stability.

What is the Versatility?

Cable Concrete® can easily be cut to fit smaller areas, irregular shapes or allow for drainage pipes.

What about Anchoring?

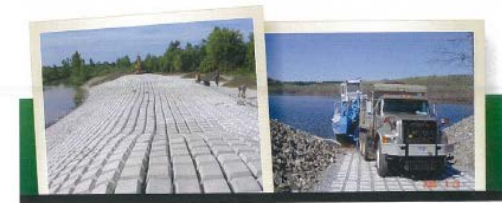
The integrated cable in Cable Concrete® is easily accessible for use in anchoring. Some installation may require the use of an anchor for extra stability.

What happens to the Vegetation regrowth?

Due to the large percentage of open area within the Cable Concrete® system, vegetation regrowth occurs. For best results, soil can be back filled to just below the top of the blocks and re-seeded.

What about Vehicle access?

The integrated cable allows external forces to be distributed throughout the system. Maintenance vehicles can easily maneuver over this type of system. Vehicle crossing of creek and river beds are easily constructed with Cable Concrete®.



Addressing the overtopping failure

MIDDLE DAM AND DOWNSTREAM MITIGATION

Landslide Repair

Launched Soil Nail arrays can stop movement in shallow landslides—without excavation, drill cuttings or fluids, or significant site disturbance—and require only one lane of traffic closure during working hours. That translates to decreased environmental impact, a much reduced carbon footprint and significant project time and cost savings compared with more traditional repair techniques. GSI® can typically provide design-build-warranty landslide repairs. That means that GSI® engineers or technicians will provide a no-cost no-obligation visit to any landslide.

After surveying the site and gathering data, a design and guaranteed fixed-cost proposal will be submitted to the client. In emergency situations, we routinely have crews installing nails three days or fewer after a failure and often have the road open to traffic within the week. With over 1000 landslides repaired to date, no other company has the experience, tools, rapid response time or guarantee of GSI®.

GSI® engineers use the most cutting edge limit equilibrium and finite element analysis programs to evaluate slope stability. The models are powerful tools, but only when coupled with proper input data and the experience and intuition to understand the results. At any given time our team is involved in several research projects sponsored by the company or by public entities. That translates into the newest methods and technologies going from concept to verification to implementation with no delays and with significant cost and time savings to our clients.



Complex Landslide Repair, WV

HISTORIC AND CULTURAL VALUES

Historic Rock Wall Repair

GSI® has an impressive resume of historic rock wall preservation projects. Working in conjunction with roadway owners and local historical societies, our team of design engineers, operators and skilled masons can repair and restore even the most deteriorated of structures.

If the facing is mostly intact, an array of SuperNails® can provide reinforcement for the structure. If the wall has deteriorated badly, a combination of permanent stabilization and skilled re-stacking of the salvaged stone can return the wall to its original appearance.

GSI® employs masons who can emulate a wide variety of stacking patterns.



18th Century Rubble Wall Repair, Princeton, NJ

GSI financial proposal

Collieries Dam Overtopping Erosion Protection proposal

Based off all that we have been privy to and our extensive experience, our preliminary fee estimates indicate we can complete all the necessary works to protect

BOTH the Lower and the Middle dams from the catastrophic overtopping failure **for \$3 Million or less.** this fee would include:

- All engineering and sign off, based off the Golder flood flow calculations, and other engineering completed to date.
- Supply and installation of the matts, anchors and landscape works required to complete the works

This total project cost projection indicates a SAVINGS of:

- **\$5.1+ Million savings**, as compared to the Proposed Spillway option, for Lower Dam only,
- **\$4.2+ Million savings**, as compared to the Alternative Overtopping Option, for Lower Dam only.

As mentioned before, GSI fee estimates are an all inclusive cost for the project as a whole and due to extraordinary efficiencies found within our project delivery model this 50% cost saving are our norm and not unexpected.

If the City was to give us confirmation that they would entertain our proposal, we would be most pleased to:

- complete the final design and fee estimate; pro bono,
- Present the proposal to the City in a document format,
- and present our proposal in a live presentation meeting.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Bullock, P.Eng., M.Eng. Principal Engineer

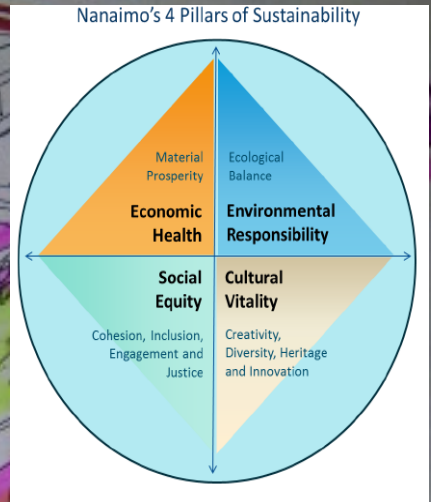
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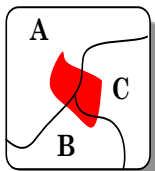
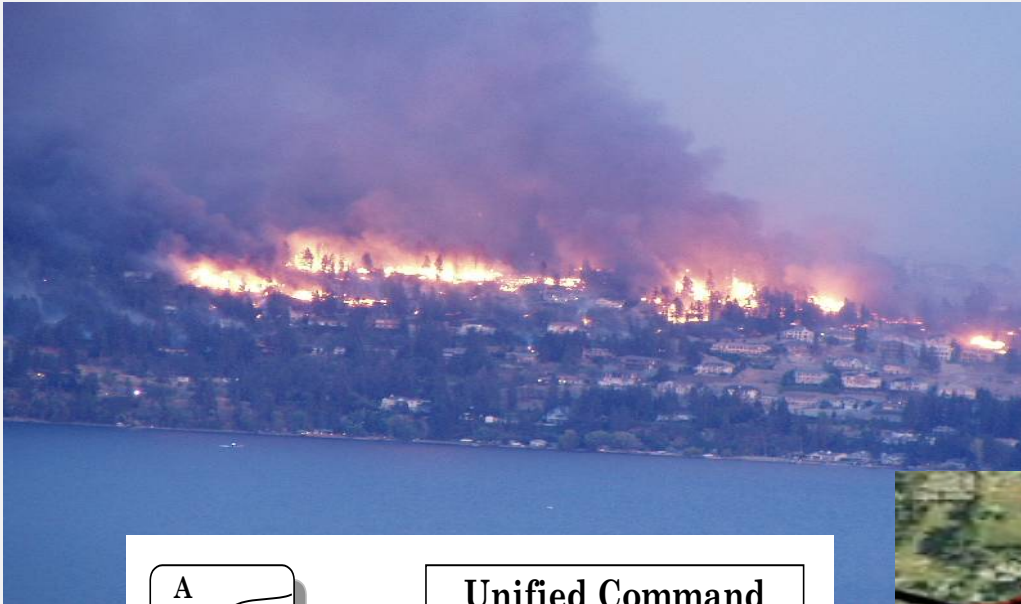
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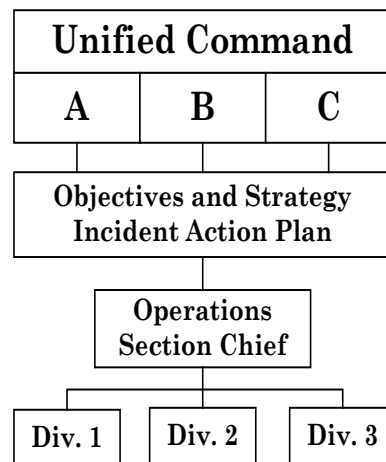


MEETING ALL OF OUR COMMUNITY PILLARS

Evacuation planning mapping, response and recovery



Hazardous
Materials
Incident



SIGNAGE AND NOTICES



MANAGE THE RISK



SAFETY FOR SOCIAL EVENTS



PROTECT THE HISTORY



Protect the Social Equity



Table 6-1 CDA Dam Safety Guidelines 2007

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DAM SAFETY GUIDELINES 2007

Societal
norms

of acceptable
risk

**Table 6-1: Suggested Design Flood and Earthquake Levels
(for Use in Deterministic Assessments)**

Dam class [note 1]	AEP	
	IDF [note 2]	EDGM [note 3]

1. PMF or 2/3 between 1/1000 year and PMF has no defined AEP.

Note 6. The EDGM value must be justified to demonstrate conformance to societal norms of acceptable risk. Justification can be provided with the help of failure modes analysis focused on the particular modes that can contribute to failure initiated by a seismic event. If the justification cannot be provided, the EDGM should be 1/10,000.

Note 3. AEP levels for EDGM are to be used for mean rather than median estimates of the hazard.

Note 4. Selected on the basis of incremental flood analysis, exposure, and consequences of failure.

Note 5. PMF has no associated AEP. The flood defined as "1/3 between 1/1000 year and PMF" or "2/3 between 1/1000 year and PMF" has no defined AEP.

Note 6. The EDGM value must be justified to demonstrate conformance to societal norms of acceptable risk. Justification can be provided with the help of failure modes analysis focused on the particular modes that can contribute to failure initiated by a seismic event. If the justification cannot be provided, the EDGM should be 1/10,000.

Societal norms of acceptable risk

The overall dam safety framework should ensure that no individuals or communities are unduly affected in the interest of the broader societal interests. On the other hand, society does not have infinite resources to spend on managing risks and often the resource spent inefficiently in one area is the same resource that is missing in another area where investment could be more beneficial. Effective application of the balanced equity-efficiency approach requires acknowledgment that both economic efficiency and social equity are legitimate goals that society wants to pursue.

- *Individual risk* relates to concerns of how individuals see the risk from a particular hazard affecting them and their property. It is usually defined as the risk to a hypothetical member of the public living in the zone that can be affected in the event that a hazard occurs. The criteria for individual risk depend on such factors as whether or not the exposure is voluntary, whether the individual derives benefit from accepting the risk, whether the individual has some control over the risk, and whether the risk engenders particular dread.
- *Societal risk* generally refers to hazards that, if realized, could impact society and thus cause socio-political response. Societal risk may be seen as a relationship between the frequency of a particular hazard and the number of casualties if the hazard is realized. In applications dealing with hazards from engineered installations where the predominant issue is life safety, societal risk is characterized by graphs showing frequency of events that could cause multiple fatalities.

An action to reduce the risk is clearly necessary if the risk is not acceptable. The ALARP principle is based on the duty to reduce risks to life to the point where further risk reduction is impracticable or requires action that is grossly disproportionate in time, trouble, and effort to the reduction of risk achieved.

ACCEPTABLE CONSEQUENCES

Table 6-1B: Flood and Earthquake Hazards, Standards-Based Assessments

2013 Revision

(Target Levels for Initial Consideration and Consultation between Owner and Regulator)

Dam Class [note 1]	Annual Exceedance Probability – Floods [note 2]	Annual Exceedance Probability - Earthquakes [note 3]
Low	1/100	1/100
Significant	Between 1/100 and 1/1000 [note 4]	Between 1/100 and 1/1000
High	1/3 between 1/1000 and PMF [note 5]	1/2475 [note 6]
Very High	2/3 between 1/1000 and PMF [note 5]	1/2 between 1/2475 [note 6] and 1/10,000 or MCE [note 5]
Extreme	PMF [note 5]	1/10,000 or MCE [note 5]

This table addresses two major natural hazards only, and does not consider the many other types of hazard that must be considered in dam safety assessments.

Acronyms: PMF, probable maximum flood; AEP, annual exceedance probability; MCE, maximum credible earthquake

Note 1. As defined in Table 2-1, Dam Classification (Section 2.5.4)

Note 2. Simple extrapolation of flood statistics beyond 10^{-3} AEP is not acceptable.

Note 3. Mean values of the estimated range in AEP levels for earthquakes should be used. The earthquake(s) with the AEP as defined in Table 6-1B is then input as the contributory earthquake(s) to develop the Earthquake Design Ground Motion (EDGM) parameters as described in Section 6.5 of these guidelines.

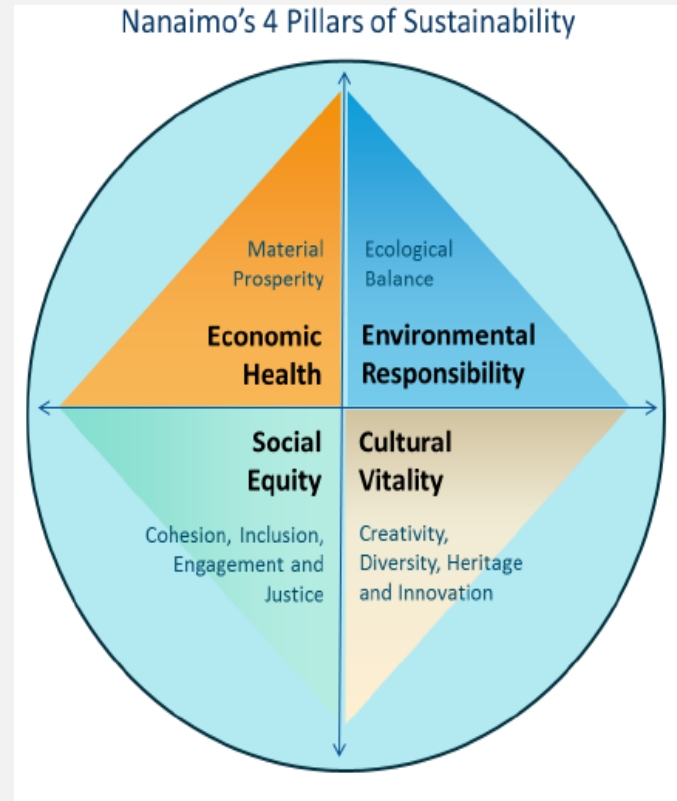
Note 4. Selected on basis of incremental flood analysis, exposure, and consequences of failure

Note 5. PMF and MCE have no associated AEP.

Note 6. This level has been selected for consistency with seismic design levels given in the National Building Code of Canada.

Do the right thing – meet the greater needs

- ***Risk by management of overtopping***
- ***Environment concerns with limited in stream work***
- ***Social equity, park enhancements and public safety***
- ***Cultural, Historic values protected***
- ***Financially MOST economical AND***
- ***Least intrusive***



And You Know it's Bad Storm Coming When.....



Pleased to take any questions