



SUBJECT: DAM SAFETY REGULATIONS -- 302 CMR 10.00 and REGISTRATION OF DAMS

Dear Dam Owner:

In 2002, the Massachusetts Legislature enacted revisions to the Dam Safety Statute, Massachusetts General Law Chapter 253, §§ 44-50. Those revisions significantly change the responsibilities of dam owners, requiring them to register and inspect dams and to maintain dams in good operating condition.

The current regulation, 302 CMR 10.05 requires dam owners to file a Dam Registration Form with DCR. DCR continues to work on registering dams in accordance with the regulations, which went into effect on November 4, 2005.

In order to assist all dam owners to comply with the requirements of the statute and regulations, DCR has posted on its web site, <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/pe/damSafety/>, the revised regulations as well as the forms you need to comply.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a Dam Registration Form for each dam you own that needs to be completed and submitted to:

Office of Dam Safety – Dam Registration
Department of Conservation and Recreation
John Augustus Hall
180 Beaman Street
West Boylston, MA 01583

Upon review and approval by DCR Office of Dam Safety personnel, DCR will issue a Certificate of Registration. Failure to submit a Dam Registration Form may subject you to penalties of up to \$500 per violation. For continuing violations, each day shall be considered a separate violation.

Owners of dams who do not have internet access should contact Jennifer Bogdan at (508) 792-7716, ext. 606, to have the required forms mailed or questions answered. If you believe your dam meets the requirements for agricultural use exclusion in strict accordance with 302 CMR 10.03, please provide supporting documentation in writing to the Office of Dam Safety at the above address.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in helping ensure safe dam operations throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

William C. Salomaa
Dam Program Manager

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
Office of Dam Safety (ODS)
DAM REGISTRATION FORM (DRF)

Office of Dam Safety Records

Dam Owner Records
(Please provide corrections)

Section I: Please Provide Dam Information

Dam Name
Name of impoundment:
Location (City/Town):
Dam Height (feet):
Hazard Potential Rating
National Dam ID No.

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Section II: Please Provide Owner(s) Information

Legal Dam Owner(s) Name(s):
Mail address:
Town/Zip:
Phone:
Website and Email info.:

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Section III: Please Provide Registry of Deeds Information

Location of property on which the dam lies:
Registry Location (County Name):
Registry of Deeds Book No:
Registry of Deeds Page No:
Land Court:

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Section IV: Please Provide Town/City Assessor's Office information

Map No:
Section No:
Lot No:
Record owner(s) and address:

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Section V: Schedule of fees

The fee for registering each dam with the Office of Dam Safety for the first time is \$75.00

The Commonwealth, its agencies, authorities and political sub-divisions, including municipalities, are exempt from the payment of fees.

Please enclose either a check or money order for \$75.00 (first time registration), made payable to: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Dam Registration Program

I hereby certify to the best of my knowledge that the information provided on this form is correct.

Signature and title of owner: _____ Date: _____

