



June 27, 2018

Mr. Richard Heavey  
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**Re: Change of Hazard Classification of Dam**

**Dam Name: Cotton Gin Pond Dam**  
**NID No.: MA00350**  
**Town: East Bridgewater**

Dear Mr. Heavey:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation, Office of Dam Safety (ODS) has reviewed the Hazard Classification request from your engineer, Gomez and Sullivan Engineers, submitted to ODS as part of the construction closeout documents dated June 15, 2018. The request to reclassify your dam from Significant Hazard Potential to Non-Jurisdictional is based on the completion of the breaching/removal of the primary spillway of Cotton Gin Pond Dam in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 253 Dam Safety Permit No. 144-2017-144 issued on May 24, 2017.

Based on the recent completion of the breaching/removal of your dam on December 22, 2017, ODS concludes that the full vertical height of the dam was removed and it no longer is a barrier in excess of six feet in height or with a storage capacity in excess of 15 acre-feet. Therefore, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 253 s.44-48, as amended by Chapter 330 of the Acts of 2002, and 302 CMR 10.00 Dam Safety Rules and Regulations, ODS concurs that this dam falls into the DCR non-jurisdictional category based on the full opening being considered as run-of-river, or a non-impoundment structure. ODS concurs and has determined that this dam should be classified as **non-jurisdictional**.

If you have any questions please contact Paul Marinelli, P.E. at (617) 626-1358 or by email at [PAUL.MARINELLI@STATE.MA.US](mailto:PAUL.MARINELLI@STATE.MA.US)

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

William C. Salomaa, Director  
Office of Dam Safety

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