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PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase I Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase I investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspections. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase I investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

"In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through frequent inspections can unsafe conditions be detected and only through continued care and maintenance can these conditions be prevented or corrected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the spillway design flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. The spillway design flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aid in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

LAUREL RUN, LACKAWANNA COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA

LAUREL RUN DAM

NDI ID No. PA-00380 DER ID No. 35-6

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BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITION

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

Name of Dam:

Laurel Run Dam NDI ID No. PA-00380 DER ID No. 35-6

Size:

<u>Hazard</u> Classification:

<u>Owner</u>:

Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company J. Glenn Gooch, President 39 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711

Intermediate (44 feet high; 38 acre-ft)

State Located: Pennsylvania

High

County Located: Lackawanna

Stream: Laurel Run

Date of Inspection: 26 October 1979

Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations, and past operational performance, Laurel Run Dam is judged to be in good condition. The existing spillway will pass the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) with 0.8 foot of freeboard. The recommended Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for the size and hazard classification of the dam is the PMF. If the low area at the left abutment of the dam were filled to the design elevation, the freeboard would increase to 1.1 feet. The spillway capacity is rated as adequate.

No stability problems were evident for the dam at the time of the visual inspection. The dam has no significant deviations from the OCE recommended guidelines for stability of gravity structures. The ability of the emergency drawdown facilities at the outlet works to function is uncertain. Access to these facilities is poor.

The following studies and remedial measures are recommended to be undertaken by the Owner, in approximate order of priority, without delay:

(1) Either provide adequate access to the valve house or relocate the emergency drawdown facilities to a more suitable location. Repair the valve house and ensure the operational adequacy of the emergency drawdown facilities, which should be operated on a regular basis.

(2) Fill in the low area at the left abutment of the dam.

(3) Monitor the spalling concrete and the eroded mortar. Make repairs when necessary.

In addition, the Owner should institute the following operational and maintenance procedures:

(1) Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system for Laurel Run Dam.

(2) During periods of unusually heavy rains, provide round-the-clock surveillance of Laurel Run Dam.

(3) When warnings of a storm of major proportions are given by the National Weather Service, the Owner should activate his emergency operation and warning system.

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(4) As presently required by the Commonwealth, submit a formal annual inspection report for Laurel Run Dam to the Commonwealth.

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers District Engineer

Date: 16 May 1980



LAUREL RUN DAM

Overview

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BASIN

LAUREL RUN, LACKAWANNA COUNTY

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LAUREL RUN DAM

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SECTION 1

PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General.

a. <u>Authority</u>. The Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a program of inspection of dams throughout the United States.

b. <u>Purpose</u>. The purpose of the inspection is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

1.2 Description of Project.

a. <u>Dam and Appurtenances</u>. Laurel Run Dam is a masonry gravity structure that is 210 feet long and 44 feet high. Most of the structure is a spillway, which is 175 feet long. Its crest is 5.3 feet below the top of

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The right abutment of the dam is bedrock, and the dam. the left abutment is the natural hillside overburden. There is earthfill on the upstream side of the masonry gravity structure. The top of the earthfill is about 11 feet below the spillway crest elevation. The outlet works consists of an upstream intake tunnel and screen chamber, two pipes through the masonry gravity structure. and a valve house at the downstream toe of the spillway. One pipe, the water supply pipe, extends downstream. The other pipe, the emergency drawdown pipe, outfalls just downstream from the valve house. The various features of the dam are shown on the Photographs in Appendix C and on the Plates in Appendix E. A description of the geology is included in Appendix F.

b. Location. Laurel Run Dam is located on Laurel Run in Blakely Township, Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, approximately 0.9 mile southeast of Archbald. Laurel Run Dam is shown on USGS Quadrangle, Olyphant, Pennsylvania, at latitude N 41° 29' 15" and longitude W 75° 31' 25". A location map is shown on Plate E-1.

c. <u>Size Classification</u>. Intermediate (44 feet high, 38 acre-feet).

d. <u>Hazard Classification</u>. High hazard. Downstream conditions indicate that a high hazard classification is warranted for Laurel Run Dam (Paragraphs 3.1e and 5.1c(5)).

e. <u>Ownership</u>. Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company, J. Glenn Gooch, President, 39 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania 18711.

f. Purpose of Dam. Water Supply.

g. <u>Design and Construction History</u>. Laurel Run Dam was constructed in 1894 by Martin Cawley, a contractor from Archbald. The construction was supervised by W. H. Sadler, consulting engineer, who also designed the dam.

The upper part of the upstream face of the dam was covered with shotcrete in 1918. At this time, a concrete cap was added across most of the top of the dam. The dam overtopped during the flood of May 1942. Earthfill on the downstream side of the structure washed out, but the dam did not fail.

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Thomas H. Wiggin, consulting engineer of New York City, designed modifications for the dam in 1942. The modifications consisted of lowering the spillway crest to its present elevation and widening the spillway to its present width. At the right abutment, the top of the dam was raised to be level with the concrete cap at the left abutment. The plans were submitted to the Commonwealth. They had no comments and approved the plans in January 1943. Construction was started in March 1943 and completed by July 1943. As they were completed in 1943, the modifications will be referred to as the 1943 modifications in this Report.

h. <u>Normal Operational Procedure</u>. The pool is maintained at the spillway crest level with excess inflow discharging over the spillway. The emergency drawdown facilities are not normally used. Spillway discharge flows downstream to the confluence with the Lackawanna River.

1.3 Pertinent Data.

<u>Drainage Area</u> . (square miles)	2.2
<u>Discharge at Damsite</u> . (cfs.) Maximum known flood at damsite	850
Outlet works at maximum pool elevation	35
Spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation Design conditions Existing conditions	7,260 6,650
<u>Elevation</u> . (feet above msl.) Top of dam Design conditions Existing conditions	1253.5 1253.2
Design conditions Existing conditions Normal Pool (spillway crest) Upstream invert outlet works Downstream invert outlet works Streambed at toe of dam	1253.5 1253.2 1248.2 1213.0 1212.4 1209.0
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<u>Reservoir Length</u> . (miles) Normal pool Maximum pool	0.14 0.15
<u>Storage</u> . (acre-feet) Normal pool Maximum pool (design) Maximum pool (existing)	25 39 38
<u>Reservoir Surface</u> . (acres) Normal pool Maximum pool (design)	1.8 3.7
<u>Dam</u> . Type	Masonry gravity with upstream earthfill.
Length (feet)	210
<u>Height</u> (feet)	44
<u>Topwidth</u> (feet) Concrete cap Masonry	2.2 4.9
<u>Sides Slopes</u> Upstream Downstream Above El. 1239.0 Below El. 1239.0	16V on 1H 8V on 1H Stepped masonry about 1.67V on 1H
Zoning	None.
<u>Cut-off</u>	Masonry founded on rock.
<u>Grout Curtain</u>	None.

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h.	Diversion and Regulating	
	Tunnel.	None.
i.	<u>Spillway</u> . Type	Broad- crested weir with inclined top.
	Length of Weir (feet)	175.0
	<u>Crest Elevation</u>	1248.2
	Upstream Channel	Reservoir.
	Downstream Channel	Bedrock.
j.	<u>Regulating Outlets</u> . <u>Type</u>	One 14- inch dia. CIP.
	Length (feet)	41
	Closure	Valve in valve house.
	Access	Downstream toe of spillway.

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SECTION 2

ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design.

a. <u>Data Available</u>. Design data available for review included the following: approved design drawings for the 1943 modifications, foundation data based on test pits and photographs, a permit application report for the 1943 modifications, a report prepared in 1914 by the Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission, and computations for spillway and stability analyses.

b. Design Features. The project is described in Paragraph 1.2a. The various features of the dam are shown on the Photographs in Appendix C and on Plates E-2 to E-6 in Appendix E.

c. <u>Design Considerations</u>. The Commonwealth, both in their 1914 report and in their report for the 1943 modifications, raised some questions about the stability of the structure. In both cases they concluded that stability was adequate. This is discussed in Section 6.

2.2 Construction.

a. <u>Data Available</u>. The only data available for the original construction are descriptions of the construction contained in the 1914 report by the Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission. No data are available for the 1918 modifications. The only data for the 1943 modifications are payment estimates for materials used.

b. <u>Construction Considerations</u>. The Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission Report of 1914 indicated that the dam was well-constructed. They also reported that "to provide additional cut-off a trench was carried along the upstream and downstream toes of the dam." This feature is not shown on the Plates in Appendix E. There are insufficient data to assess the 1918 or 1943 modifications.

2.3 <u>Operation</u>. There are no formal records of operation. A record of operation does exist in the form of inspection reports prepared by the Commonwealth between 1919 and 1957 as well as various inspections by the Owner. The findings of the previous inspections note only minor problems.

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2.4 Evaluation.

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a. <u>Availability</u>. Engineering data were provided by the Bureau of Dams and Waterway Management, Department of Environmental Resources, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PennDER). The Owner made available an engineer for information. He also researched his files for information at the request of the inspection team.

b. <u>Adequacy</u>. The type and amount of available design data and other engineering data are limited; and the assessment must be based on the combination of available data, visual inspection, performance history, hydrologic assumptions, and hydraulic assumptions.

c. <u>Validity</u>. There is no reason to question the validity of the available data.

SECTION 3

VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings.

a. <u>General</u>. The overall appearance of the dam is good. A few deficiencies were observed as noted below. A sketch of the dam with the locations of deficiencies is presented on Exhibit B-1 in Appendix B. Survey information acquired for this Report is summarized in Appendix B. On the day of the inspection, the pool was at the spillway crest. Another visit to the dam was made about two weeks after the inspection to obtain additional photographs. No observations that differed from the original inspection were noted. Flow conditions on that day varied from the flow conditions on the day of the inspection.

b. <u>Masonry Gravity Structure</u>. Most of this structure acts as the spillway. The masonry is in good condition. Some of the mortar in the joints is eroded. The most severe erosion of the mortar is about 1 inch deep. The concrete cap adjacent to each end of the spillway is slightly spalled (Photograph F). No other deficiencies were observed, although the flow over the section could have obscured minor problems.

c. <u>Appurtemant Structures</u>. The condition of the spillway is described above. The right wall of the valve house has collapsed. The mortar in the remainder of the structure is very deteriorated (Photograph E). The caretaker for the dam did not arrive at the dam; therefore, the operation of the emergency drawdown facilities was not viewed. The Owner subsequently reported that it had not been operated within the last four years.

d. <u>Reservoir Area</u>. Except for a strip-mined area south of the dam, the watershed is entirely wooded and undeveloped. The strip-mined area is shown on Plate E-1. Access could not be gained to the area. The hillsides at the reservoir are steep. There are some rock outcrops in the reservoir area.

e. <u>Downstream Channel</u>. Spillway discharge flows along the downstream toe of the dam by the valve house (Photographs D and E). The discharge collects at the right side of the valley and flows for about 300 feet to the site

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where the waterline crosses the stream (Photograph B). The stream then flows for about 0.9 mile through a very steep and deserted valley. The sides of the valley have been strip mined. The last 0.3 mile of this reach has channel improvements that were constructed by the Commonwealth to mitigate acid mine drainage. Work on the improvements was in progress on the day of the inspection. At the end of the channel improvements, the stream flows under a small bridge that supports the Delaware and Hudson railroad tracks. About 300 feet downstream of this bridge is another bridge supporting a local road. The waterway opening at the roadway bridge is 19.5 feet wide by 4 feet high. In the immediate vicinity of this bridge, which is at the south end of Archbald, are seven dwellings adjacent to the stream. About 100 feet downstream of the bridge is the confluence of Laurel Run and the Lackawanna River.

The access road to the dam extends along the right side of the strip-mined valley far above the stream. At the site where the waterline crosses the stream, there is a vehicle turnaround. The access road then crosses the bottom of the stream and extends up to the left abutment of the dam (Photograph B).

SECTION 4

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 <u>Procedure</u>. The reservoir is maintained at spillway crest, with excess inflow discharging over the spillway and into Laurel Run. Water supply lines at the dam are connected directly to the Owner's distribution system. The emergency drawdown facilities are normally not used. Water supply demand at the dam varies greatly. The dam serves as part of the water supply for Archbald and surrounding communities.

4.2 Maintenance of Dam. The dam is visited daily by a caretaker who records the reservoir elevation. Weekly reports are mailed to the Owner's Engineering Department. This information is used by the Owner's Engineering Department for regulating flows in the distribution system. The caretaker is also responsible for observing the general condition of the dam and appurtenant structures and reporting any changes or deficiencies to the Owner's Engineering Department. A Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company engineer makes a formal inspection of the dam each year, and the records are filed and used for determining priority of repairs. Informal inspections are also made when the engineer is on the site for other reasons. In response to the National Dam Inspection Program of the two previous years, the Owner has modified his maintenance and inspection programs. All maintenance, except for minor items, is performed under contract with outside firms. The Owner's operating personnel observe the maintenance performed by outside firms in order to become familiar with required maintenance work. The Owner plans to have all maintenance work performed by his operating personnel within a few years. The emphasis of the maintenance work has been placed on those structures previously inspected under the National Dam Inspection Program. Annual inspection reports for those dams inspected under the National Dam Inspection Program are submitted to the Commonwealth.

4.3 <u>Maintenance of Operating Facilities</u>. The emergency drawdown value is operated infrequently. It has not been operated for about four years. Maintenance for the water supply outlet is performed on an as-needed basis.

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4.4 Warning Systems in Effect. The Owner furnished the inspection team with a verbal description of the chain of command diagram for Laurel Run Dam and of a generalized emergency notification list that is applicable for all of the Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company dams. The Owner said that during periods of heavy rainfall, available personnel are dispatched to the dams to observe conditions. All company vehicles are equipped with radios, and the personnel can communicate with each other and with a central control facility. Evaluation of risk is made by the Owner's Engineering Department. The Owner's Engineering Department is also responsible for notification of emergency conditions to the local authorities. Detailed emergency operational procedures have not been formally established for Laurel Run Dam but are as directed by the Owner's Engineering Department.

4.5 Evaluation of Operational Adequacy. The maintenance of the emergency drawdown facilities is inadequate. The maintenance of the dam is adequate. The inspection program for the dam is good. A detailed emergency operation and warning system is necessary to reduce the risk of dam failure should adverse conditions develop and to prevent loss of life should the dam fail.

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SECTION 5

HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS

5.1 Evaluation of Features.

a. <u>Design Data</u>. No design data are available for the original design or for the 1918 modifications. In a report by Thomas H. Wiggin in 1942, he recommended a spillway capacity of 4,800 cfs, based on various runoff curves then in use. Mr. Wiggin subsequently designed the 1943 modifications to the dam. The Commonwealth analyzed the design and estimated the spillway capacity at 6,740 cfs. The discharge coefficient of 3.15 used by the Commonwealth is slightly conservative. A discharge coefficient of 3.4 is used in the analysis described in Appendix D.

b. Experience Data. The flood of record occurred in May 1942. By extrapolating runoff rates in adjacent watersheds, Mr. Wiggin estimated the peak flood discharge at 385 csm (or 850 cfs). This is used as the flood of record. Using this flood and the then existing spillway, the Commonwealth subsequently estimated that the dam overtopped by 0.55 foot. The overtopping is equivalent to a pool at Elevation 1254.1.

c. Visual Observations.

(1) <u>General</u>. The visual inspection of Laurel Run Dam, which is described in Section 3, resulted in a number of observations relevant to hydrology and hydraulics. These observations are evaluated herein for the various features.

(2) <u>Masonry Gravity Section</u>. The low area at the left abutment of the dam limits the existing spillway capacity to less than the design capacity. Although the left abutment is natural overburden, it functions as an embankment.

(3) <u>Appurtemant Structures</u>. No deficiencies relevant to hydraulics were observed at the spillway. The operational adequacy of the emergency drawdown facilities is uncertain because they have not been operated for four years.

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(4) <u>Reservoir Area</u>. The mapping indicates that the strip-mined area is only 3 percent of the watershed. Its effects on flood runoff should be negligible.

(5) <u>Downstream Conditions</u>. If the dam were to fail, the steep valley would provide very little mitigating effect. The channel improvements recently constructed by the Commonwealth would not have a significant effect on flow from a dam failure. Therefore, if the dam were to fail, the Delaware and Hudson railroad tracks, a local road, and 7 dwellings would be flooded. Because of the small storage at the dam and because of the flat overbanks of Laurel Run adjacent to the Lackawanna River, flooding would probably not be very deep. However, there is the potential for loss of life. The downstream conditions indicate that a high hazard classification is warranted for Laurel Run Dam.

The access road to the dam, between Archbald and the site where the waterline crosses the stream, is adequate. Crossing the stream in a vehicle would be impossible during periods of significant spillway flow. The waterline acts as a footbridge and provides access; however, it too would be flooded during periods of significant spillway discharge. The turnaround area at the waterline crossing is sufficiently close to the dam that the condition of the dam could be monitored from it during periods of significant spillway discharge. Access to the emergency drawdown facilities during periods of significant spillway discharge is not of concern; operating the emergency drawdown facilities would not provide a significant increase in discharge during such periods. However, it is judged that access to the emergency drawdown facilities would be almost impossible and certainly hazardous during periods of freezing weather, when ice would coat the valve house, pipes, and bedrock near the stream.

d. Overtopping Potential.

(1) <u>Spillway Design Flood</u>. According to the criteria established by the Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for the size (Intermediate) and hazard potential (High) of Laurel Run Dam is the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The watershed was modeled with the HEC-1DB computer program. A description of the model is included in Appendix D. The assessment of the hydrology and hydraulics is based on

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existing conditions, and the effects of future development are not considered.

(2) <u>Summary of Results</u>. Pertinent results are tabulated at the end of Appendix D. The analysis reveals that Laurel Run Dam can pass the PMF with 0.8 foot of freeboard. The dam is rated at its existing top elevation. At its design top elevation, the freeboard would increase to 1.1 feet.

(3) <u>Spillway Adequacy</u>. The criteria used to rate the spillway adequacy are described in Appendix D. Because the dam can pass the PMF, the spillway capacity is rated as adequate.

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SECTION 6

STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability.

a. Visual Observations.

(1) <u>General</u>. The visual inspection of Laurel Run Dam, which is described in Section 3, resulted in a number of observations relevant to structural stability. These observations are evaluated herein for the various features.

(2) <u>Masonry Gravity Section</u>. The spalled concrete and the eroded mortar are both minor problems caused by long term exposure to the weather and to flowing water. These problems are not a hazard at present.

(3) <u>Appurtemant Structures</u>. The collapse of the right wall of the valve house and the deterioration of the remainder of the structure is caused by long-term exposure to flowing water. The valve house is at the downstream toe of the spillway. Collapse of the structure could block access to the valve for the emergency drawdown facilities.

Ъ. Design and Construction Data. The Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission Report of 1914 summarized a conversation with the original designer. The original designer stated that the dam was designed for a 2.0 factor of safety against overturning at the original design normal pool level. Uplift was neglected in the design. The Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission analyzed the structure assuming a pool 1 foot above spillway crest and 67 percent uplift. At the base, they computed the resultant to be 2.40 feet outside the middle third, the toe pressure to be 42 psi, and the "coefficient of sliding" to be 0.83. They judged that these were acceptable results and did not recommend modifications.

No data are available for the 1918 modifications to the dam. Thomas H. Wiggin, who designed the 1943 modifications to the dam, considered these modifications would improve the stability of the dam, which had just been overtopped with no apparent stability problems. The Commonwealth analyzed the stability of the dam with the proposed modifications. With the reservoir at normal pool

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level and assuming both 67 percent uplift and no earth pressure, they computed the resultant to be 3 feet outside the middle third and the "coefficient of sliding" to be 0.86. Because the dam had withstood a pool level 3.3 feet higher than the maximum expected pool level that they computed, they considered the stability of the dam to be adequate.

For this Report, another stability analysis was performed. Earth pressure and uplift were considered. The pool was assumed to be at the top of the dam. Only the base section was analyzed. For this condition, the resultant was computed to be outside the middle third, about 3.1 feet inside the toe. The factor of safety against sliding and the toe pressures were adequate. Although OCE guidelines recommend the resultant to be inside the middle third, the toe pressures are adequate. Thus, the resultant being outside the middle third is not judged to be a significant deviation from the OCE guidelines.

c. <u>Operating Records</u>. There are no formal records of operation. According to available data, no stability problems have occurred over the operational history of the dam, which includes an overtopping in 1942.

d. <u>Post-construction Changes</u>. Post-construction changes are described in Paragraph 1.2g. The changes are assessed with the dam.

e. <u>Seismic Stability</u>. Laurel Run Dam is located in Seismic Zone 1. Earthquake loadings are not considered to be significant for intermediate size masonry dams located in Seismic Zone 1 when there are no readily apparent stability problems and its theoretical static stability is deemed to be adequate. As there are neither readily apparent stability problems nor concern for its theoretical static stability, it is assumed that the seismic stability of Laurel Run Dam is adequate.

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SECTION 7

ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND PROPOSED REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment.

a. <u>Safety</u>.

(1) Based on available records, visual inspection, calculations, and past operational performance, Laurel Run Dam is judged to be in good condition. Based on existing conditions, the spillway will pass the PMF with 0.8 foot of freeboard. If the low area at the left abutment of the dam was filled to the design elevation, the freeboard would increase to 1.1 foot. The spillway capacity is rated as adequate.

(2) No stability problems were evident for the dam at the time of the visual inspection.

(3) The spillway weir has no significant deviations from OCE guidelines for stability.

(4) The ability of the outlet works to function is uncertain. Access to these facilities is poor.

(5) A summary of the features and observed deficiencies is listed below:

Feature and Location	Observed Deficiency

Masonry Gravity Dam and Spillway:

Low area at abutment; minor erosion of mortar; minor spalling of concrete

Outlet Works: Uncertain operation of emergency drawdown facilities, which are not accessible during freezing weather; valve house near collapse

b. <u>Adequacy of Information</u>. The information available is such that an assessment of the condition of the dam can be inferred from the combination of visual inspection, past performance, and computations performed prior to and as part of this study.

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c. <u>Urgency</u>. The recommendations in Paragraph 7.2 should be implemented without delay.

d. <u>Necessity for Further Investigations</u>. Accomplishment of the remedial measures outlined in Paragraph 7.2 will not require further investigations by the Owner.

7.2 Recommendations and Remedial Measures.

a. The following studies and remedial measures are recommended to be undertaken by the Owner, in approximate order of priority, without delay:

(1) Either provide adequate access to the valve house or relocate the emergency drawdown facilities to a more suitable location. Repair the valve house and ensure the operational adequacy of the emergency drawdown facilities, which should be operated on a regular basis.

(2) Fill in the low area at the left abutment of the dam.

(3) Monitor the spalling concrete and the eroded mortar. Make repairs when necessary.

b. In addition, the Owner should institute the following operational and maintenance procedures:

(1) Develop a detailed emergency operation and warning system for Laurel Run Dam.

(2) During periods of unusually heavy rains, provide round-the-clock surveillance of Laurel Run Dam.

(3) When warnings of a storm of major proportions are given by the National Weather Service, the Owner should activate his emergency operation and warning system.

(4) As presently required by the Commonwealth, submit a formal annual inspection report for Laurel Run Dam to the Commonwealth.

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APPENDIX A

CHECKLIST - ENGINEERING DATA

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ENGINEERING DATA	NDI ID NO.: 74-00380 DER ID NO.: 35-6
DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION PHASE I	Sheet 1 of 4
Natu	REMARKS
AS-BUILT DRAWINGS	FOR 1943 Modifications SEE PLATES E-2 TO E-6
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	SEE RARE E-1
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Built 1894
TYPICAL SECTIONS OF DAM	SEE PLATES E-4 TO E-6
OUTLETS: Plan Details Constraints Discharge Ratings	SEE PLATE E-2 AND E-6

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RAINFALL/RESERVOIR RECORDS	None
DESIGN REPORTS	None
GEOLOGY REPORTS	Nave
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS: Hydrology and Hydraulics (H\$H) Dam Stability Seepage Studies	NONE FOR DESIGN HEH FOR 1943 MODIFICATIONS STABILITY (by PWSC) in 1914 AND FOR STABILITY (by PWSC) in 1914 AND FOR
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS: Boring Records Laboratory Field	None
POSTCONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM	SEE As-Built DRAWINGS

ENGINEERING DATA

Sheet 3 of 4

ITEM	REMARKS
BORROW SOURCES	UNKNOWN FOR MASONRY UPSTREAM EARTHFILL FROM ADJACENT HILLEIDE.
MONITORING SYSTEMS	Nove
MODIFICATIONS	1918 - CONCRETE CAP AND GWITE ADDED. 1943 - Spillway CREST LOWERED. AND LENGTHENED.
HIGH POOL RECORDS	SEE PRIOR ACCIDENTS
POSTCONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	1943 NODIFICATION
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM: Description Reports	OVER TOPPEN IN AMY 1942 Downstream EARTHEIL WASHED OUT BUT NO FAILURE. Spill WAY SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED.

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ENGINEERING DATA

ITEM	REMARKS
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION RECORDS	Nove
SPILLWAY: Plan Sections Details	SEE PLATES E-2 TO E-6
OPERATING EQUIPMENT: Plans Details	SEE PLATE E-6
PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS Dates Deficiencies	1919 - SLIGHT LEAKAGE THROUGH DASE. NOTES REPAIKS IN 1918 CONSISTING OF: 4" THICK GUNITE CONT OF: 4" THICK GUNITE CONT OVER UPPER 15' OF UPSTREAM FACE, FASTENED WITH SPILLES. (OTHER COMMENTS NOT FULLY LEGIBLE) 1924 - VERY SLIGHT SCEPAGE FROM LEFT SIDE.
CONTINUED	1932 - SEEPHER IS TO 20' LEFT OF Spilling. 1932 - SEEPHER AT NUNIEROUS JOINTS IN NIHSONRY. 1941 - SLIGHT LEAK 18'LEFT OF VALVE HOUSE
	AND 12 DELOW TOP

Sheet 4a of 4 1945- No deficiencies notes 1943 Modifications 1953 - No deficiencies 1957 - Slight LEARAGE AT TOE. REMARKS PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS ENGINEERING DATA (CONVINUED) ITEM

APPENDIX B

CHECKLIST - VISUAL INSPECTION

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VISUAL INSPECTION

PHASE I

Temperature: <u>35-40</u>°F County: LACKAWANNA State: DENNSYLVANIA Hazard Category: HiGH Date(s) Inspection: 26 Ocrober 1979 Weather: Light SNOW DER ID No.: 35-6 Type of Dam: MASONRY GRAVITY Name of Dam: LAUREL RUN NDI ID No.: PA - 00 380

Pool Elevation at Time of Inspection: 1240.2 msl/Tailwater at Time of Inspection: 1209 ± D. WILSON (GECC) Inspection Personnel:

D. Ebersole (Grcc)

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Recorder A. WHITMAN (GFCC)

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CONCRETE/MASONRY DAMS

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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	None	
JUNCTION OF STRUCTURE WITH: Abutment Embankment Other Features	SEE SURVEY DATA FOLLOWING INSPECTION FORMS	Except FOR SLIGHT LOW AREA- NO DEFICIENCIES
DRAINS	None	
WATER PASSAGES	Nave	
POUNDATION	BEDROCK	

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Sheet 2 of 2

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE SURFACES: Surface Cracks Spalling	AT Abutments - SLIGHT Spalling OF CONCRETE	
TRUCTURAL CRACKING	None	
LIGNMENT: Vertical Horizontal	VERTICAL - SEE SURVEY Clata Following inspection Forms	
IONOLITH JOINTS	MACONRY JOINTS - SLICHTLY Obscured by Flow. Mortan Eroded AT ARENS.	EROSION OF MORTAK is minor.
ONSTRUCTION JOINTS	see Abore	
LAFF GAGE OR RECORDER	None	

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OUTLET WORKS

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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	CIP	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	Submerced	
OUTLET STRUCTURE	P.PE has FREE Outfall.	
OUTLET CHANNEL	CLEMA OF DEBRIS	
EMERGENCY GATE	No operating personnel at site	Openarion Not Viewen.

UNGATED SPILLWAY (PART OF MASONRY DAM)

Sheet 1 of 1

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCRETE WEIR	GOOD CONDITION	
APPROACH CHANNEL	Reservoir	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Minder BRUSH	
BRIDGE AND PTERS	None	

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INSTRUMENTATION

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Sheet 1 of 1

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
MONUMENTATION/SURVEYS	Nove AT SITE	
OBSERVATION WELLS		
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DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

Sheet 1 of 1

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CONDITION: Obstructions Debris Other	Access ROAD GOES THROUGH STREAM.	
SIOPES	Sтеер	
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION	AT CONFLUENCE WITH LACKAWANNA RIVER - 7 dwellines.	

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Sheet 1 of 1

VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
SLOPES	бтеер	,
SEDIMENTATION	No Reported OR Observed Problems	
WATERSHED DESCRIPTION	WOODED EXCEPT POR STRIP MINE SOUTH OF CLAM.	

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APPENDIX C PHOTOGRAPHS

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LAUREL RUN DAM



A. View From Left Abutment



B. View Looking Upstream



LAUREL RUN DAM



C. Downstream Face



D. Emergency Drawdown Facility

LAUREL RUN DAM



E. Valve House



F. Right Abutment

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HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS

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HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS

Spillway Capacity Rating:

In the recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the Department of the Army, Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), established criteria for rating the capacity of spillways. The recommended Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for the size (small, intermediate, or large) and hazard potential (low, significant, or high) classification of a dam is selected in accordance with the criteria. The SDF for those dams in the high hazard category varies between one-half of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) and the PMF. If the dam and spillway are not capable of passing the SDF without overtopping failure, the spillway capacity is rated as inadequate. If the dam and spillway are capable of passing one-half of the PMF without overtopping failure, or if the dam is not in the high hazard category, the spillway capacity is not rated as seriously inadequate. A spillway capacity is rated as seriously inadequate if all of the following conditions exist:

(a) There is a high hazard to loss of life from large flows downstream of the dam.

(b) Dam failure resulting from overtopping would significantly increase the hazard to loss of life downstream from the dam from that which would exist just before overtopping failure.

(c) The dam and spillway are not capable of passing one-half of the PMF without overtopping failure.

Description of Model:

If the Owner has not developed a PMF for the dam, the watershed is modeled with the HEC-1DB computer program, which was developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The HEC-1DB computer program calculates a PMF runoff hydrograph (and percentages thereof) and routes the flows through both reservoirs and stream sections. In addition, it has the capability to simulate an overtopping dam failure. By modifying the rainfall criteria, it is also possible to model the 100year flood with the program.

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APPENDIX D

S USOUEHANNA	River Basin
Name of Stream: LAUREL	RUN
Name of Dam: LAUREL	ZUN
NDI ID No.: PA-00380	
DER ID No.: 35-6	
Latitude: N 41° 29' 15" Longi	tude: W 75 31'25"
Top of Dam Elevation: (de	3;6N
Streambed Elevation: 1209.0 Heigh	nt of Dam: 44 ft
Reservoir Storage at Top of Dam Eleva	ation: <u>39</u> acre-ft
Size Category: INTERMEDIATE	
Hazard Category: High	(see Section 5)
Spillway Design Flood:PMF	

UPSTREAM DAMS

Name	Distance from Dam (miles)	Height (ft)	Storage at top of Dam Elevation <u>(acre-ft)</u>	Remarks
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	plates	s rete	erence	ed in (7) & (8)			
	The follow	ving a	re m	easured	trom t	ne outl	et of t	the sul	barea:
(3): Length of main watercourse extended to divide									
(4): Length of main watercourse to the centroid									
The following is measured from the upstream end of the									
reservoir at normal pool:									
(5): Length of main watercourse extended to divide									
(6): $Tp=C_t \times (L \times L_{ca})^{0.3}$, except where the centroid of									
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Data for Dam at Outlet of Subarea A-1 (See sketch on Sheet D-4) Name of Dam: LAVEEL RUN

STORAGE DATA:

		Stora	age	
Elevation	Area <u>(acres)</u>	million gals	<u>acre-ft</u>	Remarks
/206.5 =ELEVO* /248.2 =ELEV1	0 /.768_= A1	0 	0 24,6_= S1	OWNER DATA
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* ELEV0 = ELEV1 - (3S₁/A₁)
** Planimetered contour at least 10 feet above top of dam **

Reservoir Area at Normal Pool is <u>NEGL</u> percent of subarea watershed.

BREACH DATA: Not Used

See Appendix B for sections and existing profile of the dam. Soil Type from Visual Inspection:

Maximum Permissible Velocity (Plate 28, EM 1110-2-1601) (from Q = $CLH^{3/2} = V \cdot A$ and depth = (2/3) x H) & A = L depth fps

HMAX = $(4/9 V^2/C^2)$ = ft., C = Top of Dam El.=

HMAX + Top of Dam El. = = FAILEL (Above is elevation at which failure would start)

Dam Breach Data:

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Data for Dam at Outlet of Subarea	A-1
Name of Dam: LAVREL RUN	
SPILLWAY DATA:	Existing Design
	Conditions Conditions
Top of Dam Elevation Spillway Crest Elevation Spillway Head Available (ft)	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Type Spillway	BROAD CRESTED WEIR / INCLINED TOP
"C" Value - Spillway	3.4 4 3.4 +
Spillway Peak Discharge (cfs)	6652 7260
Auxiliary Spillway Crest Elev.	NIA NIA
Auxiliary Spill. Head Avail. (ft)	
Type Auxillary Spillway	
Crest Length - Auxil, Spill. (ft)	
Auxiliary Spillway	
Peak Discharge (cfs)	N/A N/A
combined Spillway Discharge (crs)	26,650 7,260
Spillway Rating Curve: $Q = CLH^3$	1 KING - HANDBOOK OF HYDRAULICS FIG'S 5-68
Elevation Q Spillway (cfs) Spill	way (cfs) Combined (cfs)
OUTLET WORKS RATING: Outlet 1	Outlet 2 Outlet 3
Invert of Outlet <u>1212.4</u>	
Two 7230	
Diameter (ft) = D $\frac{CEF}{1.167}$	
Length (ft) = L 41	
Area (sq. ft) = A 1.07	
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K Exit	
K Friction=29.1 $N^{2}L/R^{4/3}$ 1.04	
Sum of K 2.54	
$(1/R) = 0 \qquad 0.627$ Maximum Head (ft) = HM	
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Q Combined (cfs) 235	

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PMF RAINFALL	24.59 ''	
Existing Con	Oitions <u>PMF</u>	1/2 PMF
RUNOFF (INCHES)	22.01	11.0
PEAK INFLOW (CFS)	5,174	2,587
PEAK OUTFLOW (CFS)	5,173	2,587
FREEBOARD (FT)	0.77	2.34

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APPENDIX E

PLATES









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APPENDIX F

LAUREL RUN DAM

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GEOLOGY

Laurel Run Dam is located in Lackawanna County and lies within the Valley and Ridge Province. The Lackawanna Syncline is the most important structural feature in this section of northeastern Pennsylvania. It is a broad cance-shaped downwarp that trends northeast and soutwest from Orson to Orangeville. The rim rocks are of the Pottsville and Pocono Formations; they have dips that are usually 20° or less and form a simple syncline. The core rock is of the Llewellyn Formation; it is folded into a series of minor anticlines and synclines that trend N 70° E. Rock to both the northwest and southeast of the Lackawanna Syncline is of the Appalachian Plateau Province and is usually horizontally-bedded.

Bedrock units of the Lackawanna Syncline are the lithified sediments of deltaic, fluvial, and swamp environments. The sediments are of the Mississippian and the Pennsylvanian periods. The bedrock units include sandstones, conglomerates, and shales of the Pocono Formation; red shales of the Mauch Chunk Formation; and sandstones, conglomerates, shales, and coals of the Pottsville and Llewellyn Formations.

Laurel Run Dam is underlain by rocks of the Pottsville Formation. This formation primarily consists of a hard sandstone and conglomerate with some shales and a few thin coal beds. Sandstones in this unit are generally very micaceous and range from fine-to coarse-grained. The conglomerates are white and contain rounded to subangular quartz pebbles set in a medium-to coarse-grained, quartz-sand matrix. Shales occur primarily as nonfissile to subfissile thin beds.

Bedding of the rock is generally well-developed and ranges from fractions of an inch in shales to several feet in the sandstones and conglomerates. Crossbedding is common in the sandstones. The sandstones and conglomerates associated with the Pottsville Formation are reported to maintain moderate cut slopes, while weathering of underlying shales may cause rockfalls and slumping. Foundation stability for heavy structures is good except where clays are present. The clays will deform under load

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when wet. Joints and minor faulting are common to the Pottsville Formation. Joints are usually widely spaced and are open and vertical.

Bedrock is evident at the toe of the dam. It also outcrops at the right abutment.

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