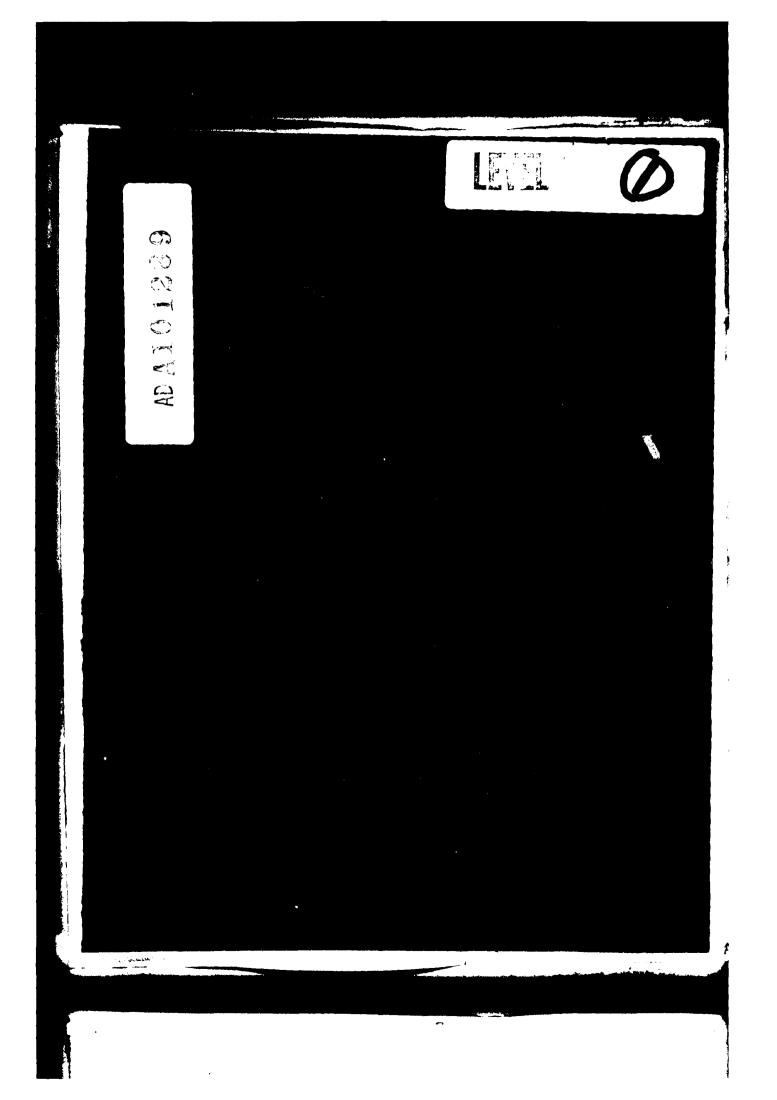
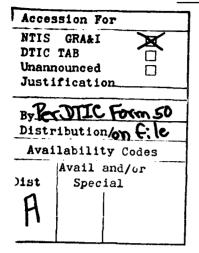
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#### PREFACE

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 expediously 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 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 reasonable 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.

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# BRIEF ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITION

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#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Name of Dam:

Fords Lake Dam NDI ID No. PA-00298 DER ID No. 35-64

Size:

Owner:

Stream:

Hazard Classification:

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High

Pennsylvania

Lackawanna

Pennsylvania Fish Commission Robinson Lane Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823

Small (10.7 feet high, 295 acre-feet)

State Located:

County Located:

Buttermilk Creek

Date of Inspection: December 8, 1980

Based on available records, past performance, visual inspection, field survey and calculations, the Fords Lake Dam is judged to be in poor condition. Based on the size and hazard classification of the dam, the recommended Spillway Design Flood (SDF) varies from a flood magnitude of 1/2 PMF (Probable Maximum Flood) to the full PMF. The 1/2 PMF is selected as the SDF based on downstream conditions. The present spillway capacity is limited to approximately 1% of the PMF. It is judged that the dam could not withstand overtopping by flows corresponding to the 1/2 PMF without damages or failure. Failure of the dam would create an increased hazard to property and to loss of life downstream. In accordance with the criteria established for these studies, the spillway is rated as seriously inadequate and the dam is classified unsafe, nonemergency.

In addition to a seriously inadequate spillway, other conditions exist that are potentially hazardous to the dam's stability. These conditions include:

Concentrated seepage at various locations.

Surface depressions apparently caused by internal erosion.

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Lateral displacement of the downstream masonry wall.

Deteriorated spillway walls.

Possible undermining of the spillway slab.

The lack of functional outlet works precludes drawdown of the reservoir during emergencies. The present maintenance of the dam is considered to be unsatisfactory.

The following investigations and remedial measures are recommended to be undertaken by the owner immediately. The items are listed in approximate order of priority.

(1) Perform additional studies to ascertain more accurately the required spillway capacity and implement the necessary corrective actions.

(2) Perform investigations to determine the subsurface foundation and embankment conditions relative to the indicated internal erosion problems and the structural stability of the dam. These investigations should include monitoring of the seepage quantity and turbidity. Design and construct remedial measures as necessary.

(3) Perform temporary repairs to the existing spillway walls to prevent embankment erosion until an adequate spillway is constructed.

(4) Provide a method for drawdown of the lake.

(5) Provide additional erosion protection along the upstream crest of the dam to prevent wave erosion.

(6) Fill the subsidence depression and groundhog holes on the dam crest.

(7) Until the investigations recommended above are complete, the owner should institute a monitoring program to detect any significant changes in the condition of the dam and appurtenant structures. If significant changes occur, appropriate action should be taken as required.

All investigations, monitoring programs and design of remedial measures should be performed by a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams.

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

(1) Institute an inspection program such that the dam is visited frequently. As presently required by the Commonwealth, the inspection program should include a formal annual inspection by a professional

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engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams. Utilize the inspection results to determine if remedial measures are necessary.

(2) Institute a maintenance program so that all features of the dam are properly maintained.

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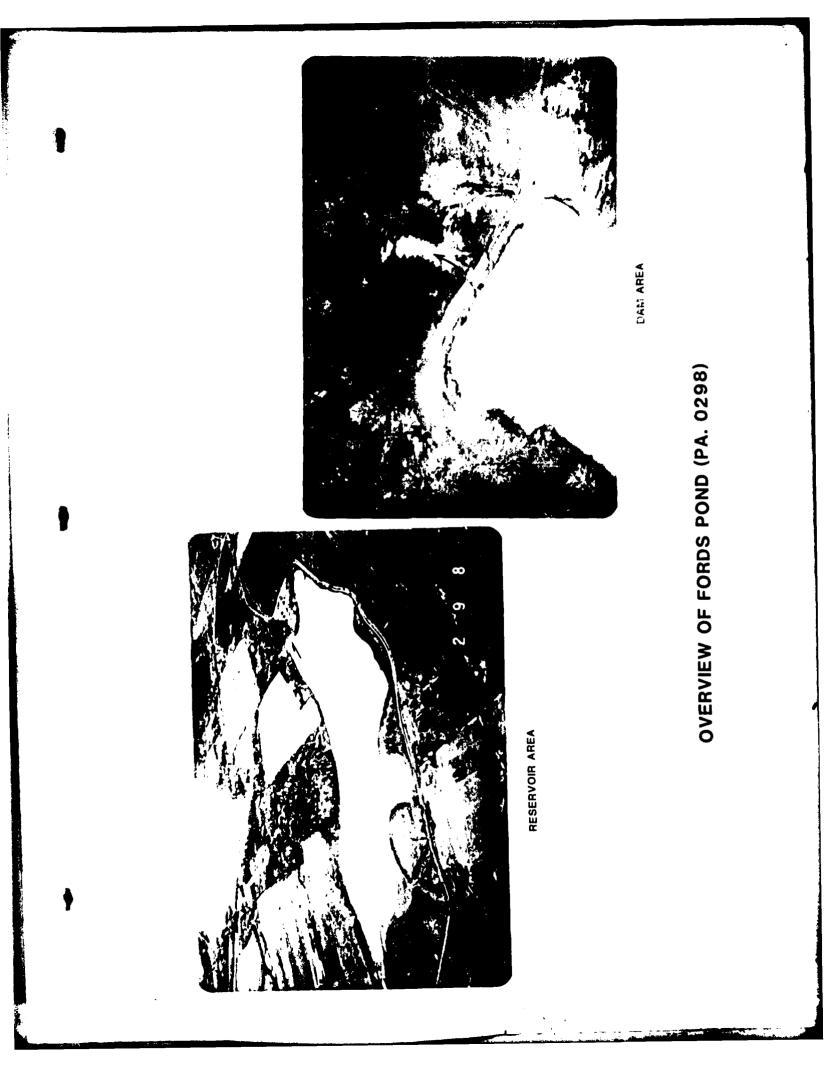


Approved: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY BALTIMORE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

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Colonel, Corps of Engineers Commander and District Engineer

Date: 3 5410 1981



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# SECTION 1

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

# 1.1 Authority.

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.

# 1.2 Purpose.

The purpose is to determine if the dam constitutes a hazard to human life or property.

#### 1.3 Description of Project.

a. Dam and Appurtenances. Fords Lake Dam is a composite earthfillmasonry structure, terminating with earthfill embankments on both abutments. The 10.7 foot high dam has a total length of 215 feet, including the spillway and the earthfill embankment sections. The spillway, located at the middle of the dam, consists of a broad crested concrete weir with an effective length of 15 feet. The upstream approach to the spillway is riprapped. The outlet works consist of a 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe with upstream control.

b. Location.<sup>1</sup> Fords Lake Dam is located on Buttermilk Creek in Newton Township, Lackawanna County, one-half mile north of Schultzville, Pennsylvania. <u>The</u> dam and reservoir are contained within the Ransom Pennsylvania 7.5 minute series USGS Quadrangle Map, at Latitude N41 29'23" and Longitude W75 45'58". A Location Map is shown in Exhibit E-1.

c. <u>Size Classification</u>. Small (10.7 feet high, 295 acre-feet storage capacity at top of dam).

d. Hazard Classification. High (see paragraph 3.1e)

e. <u>Ownership</u>. Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Robinson Lane, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania 16823 (attention E. Jon Grindall, P.E.).

# f. Purpose of Dam, Fublic Fishing.

g. <u>Design and Construction History</u>. Information related to the design and construction of the dam is not available. The present owner, Pennsylvania Fish Commission, acquired the facilities in 1968 from the Ford Estate. Data obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PENNDER) indicates that the dam was in existence prior to the 1914 "Survey of Lakes" in Pennsylvania. Although "as-built" drawings are not available, inspection reports, correspondence and photographs document repairs and maintenance activities since 1957. This information is on file with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PENNDER) and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission.

h. <u>Normal Operational Procedure</u>. The pool is normally maintained at the spillway crest elevation with excess inflow discharging over the spillway into Buttermilk Creek.

1.4 Pertinent Data.

a.	Drainage Area. (square miles)	1.07
Ъ.	<u>Discharge at Damsite</u> . (cfs; Maximum known flood at damsite since construction.	Not Known
	Outlet works at maximum pool elevation (if made operative)	15 <u>+</u> cfs estimated
	Spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation Design Conditions Existing Conditions	Not Known 43
c.	Top of Dam Design Conditions	Not Known 1148.2
	Existing Conditions (low point) Maximum Pool Design Conditions Existing Conditions Normal Pool (spillway crest) Upstream Invert Outlet Works Downstream Invert Outlet Works Streambed at Toe of Dam	Not Known 1148.2 1147 Not Known 1137.5 1137.5
d.	<u>Reservoir Length</u> . (feet) Normal Pool Maximum Pool (at top of dam)	4100 4200

e.	<u>Storage</u> . (acre-feet) Normal Pool	212
	Maximum Pool	Not Known
	Design Conditions	
	Existing Conditions	295
f.		<b>7</b>
	Normal Pool	67
	Maximum Pool	
	Design Conditions	Not Known
	Existing Conditions	71
g.	Dam.	
	Type (composite earthfill & Rubble Masonry)	215
	Length (feet) (Including spillway)	10.7
	Height (feet)	10.7
	Top Width (feet)	N-h Knorm
	Design Conditions	Not Known
	Existing Conditions varies from	1 6' EO 15'
	Side Slopes - Upstream varies 1V:4.0H	
	Downockoom	tical wall
	Zoning – See Type, above.	N . 18
	Cut-off	Not Known
	Impervious Core	Not Known
	Grout Curtain	Not Known
h.	Diversion and Regulating Tunnel.	None
i.		ngular Weir
	i y pe	11
	Length of Weir (feet)	1147.0
	Crest Elevation	prap Bottom
	Upstream channer	
	Downstream Channel Vertical drop to the natura	1 Stieampeu
j.		ntrol valve
	i)pe	+ 40
	Length (feet) - estimated Cleaning and Populating Facilities Valve s	tem located
		ream slope
	From top of dam at	normal pool
	Access From top of dam at	F

#### SECTION 2 ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design.

a. <u>Data Available</u>. There is no available information related to the design and construction of the dam. The earliest information available consists of data compiled in connection with a Survey of Lakes, made at the direction of the Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission in 1914. An inspection report on the condition of the dam in August 1957 and correspondence related to a drawdown permit for fishery management in 1971 are on file with PENNDER. A 1974 inspection was conducted by the Fish Commission staff. The report on this inspection is on file with the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

b. Design Features.

1. Dam: The main dam is a masonry gravity structure with nearvertical downstream wall and an upstream earth embankment. The dry stone masonry wall is 10 feet high at its maximum section and 92 feet long, terminating with earthfill embankments on both abutments (see Photographs 4 and 5, Appendix C). The total length of the dam is 215 feet, including the earth embankments. The crest of the composite masonry-earthfill section of the dam varies in width from 6 feet near the earth embankment on the right abutment, to 15 feet near the earth embankment on the left abutment. The top of the embankment along its axis is about 1' higher than the top of the masonry structure on the downstream face of the dam, as indicated by the typical sections in Appendix A and shown in photographs 5 and 6, Appendix C. The upstream slope of the earth embankment within the composite section of the dam varies, with the steepest slope being 1 Vertical to 2.5 Horizontal (1V:2.5H). The maximum slopes of the abutment earth embankments are 1V:2.5H and 1V:2.4H for the upstream and downstream slope, respectively. The remnants of riprap on the upstream face of the dam suggest that protection of the upstream slope against erosive wave action was originally considered (see Photograph 1, Appendix C).

2. Appurtenant Structures:

(a) <u>Spillway</u>: The spillway is a rectangular shaped concrete structure, located at the center of the dam (see Exhibits A-1 and A-2, Appendix A and Photographs 6 and 8, Appendix C). The crest of the ll-foot long spillway is 1.9 feet below the top of the walls. The spillway walls, constructed of stone and concrete, are very badly damaged and parts of the walls are completely missing.

(b) Outlet Works: The outlet works consist of a 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe and a regulating mechanism, assumed to be a gate valve, located on the upstream end of the pipe. A section through the outlet works, showing the location of the regulating stem, is presented in Exhibit A-3, Appendix A. The pipe outlet is shown in Photographs 7 and 8, Appendix C.

# 2.2 Construction Records.

There are no records available for evaluation of construction methods and the classification or quality of materials placed in the dam.

#### 2.3 Operation.

There are no records available to indicate the past operation procedures for the dam. The present normal operation of the facility is described in paragraph 1.2h, Section 1.

# 2.4 Other Investigations.

Available information indicates that on-site inspections were made in 1957 and 1974. The latter inspection was conducted on September 26, 1974 by the staff of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission for evaluation of a leakage problem. The inspection revealed seepage flow from the downstream face of the masonry structure and at several other areas. The flow of water could be heard by a person standing close to the downstream face of the dam. The total seepage flow was greater than 50 GPM.

# 2.5 Evaluation.

a. <u>Availability of Data</u>. Engineering data were extracted from the files of PENNDER and from information supplied by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission. The Owner's representatives stated that to the best of their knowledge, there are no plans or other information available on the design of the dam.

b. <u>Adequacy</u>. In the absence of plans, engineering specifications and construction records, assessment of the dam and its safety must be based primarily on the visual inspection and the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis presented in Section 5.

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

# SECTION 3 VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Observations.

a. <u>General</u>. The overall appearance of the dam is very poor. Deficiencies observed during the field inspection are illustrated on the General Plan, Exhibit A-1, Appendix A. The profile and typical sections of the dam are presented in Exhibits A-2, A-3, and A-4, and are based on field survey made the day of the inspection. On the inspection date (12/08/80), the lake level was at elevation 1146.8, about 0.2 foot below spillway crest. Pertinent features observed are shown in photographs.

b. Dam. Observations made during the field inspection reveal that the earth and dry stone masonry dam is in very poor condition. The dam is reported to be 150 years old. Approximately 75 percent of the riprap on the upstream slope is missing and wave action has eroded some near vertical earth scarps (12 to 18 inches high) in the earth embankment. The in-place riprap is limited to 25 percent of the left upstream slope. The top width of the dam varies from 6 feet on parts of the right half to 15 feet on the left half of the dam. The top surface of the dam varies about 1 foot in elevation as illustrated on the dam profile, Exhibit A-2. An oval depresstion about 6 inches deep and 5 feet in diameter is located on the left half of the dam. This depression is reported to reoccur, deepen and be refilled annually. Immediately downstream of this depression is a point source leak with a clear flow of about 9 GPM exiting from the stone wall. Downstream of this leak is a large seepage area discharging an additional clear flow of 2 GPM (see Exhibit A-1). The Pennsylvania Fish Commission reports that on 9/26/74, they measured leakage of 50 GPM. These conditions and the 12 to 18 inch thick accumulation of silt and clay directly downstream suggests possible piping of embankment material. Between the depression and the spillway, two groundhog holes ranging from 3 to 4 inches in diameter extend into the embankment to depths exceeding 30 inches.

The downstream face of the dam is a vertical dry stone wall that extends about 10 feet above the streambed. The stones are "one and two man" sized sandstone slabs. The total length of standing wall is 92 feet. On the right abutment, the stone wall has bulges and overhangs of 12 to 18 inches. About 20 feet right of the wall end are sandstone slab remnants of a collapsed wall (see photographs No. 4 and No. 5, Appendix C). Scattered leakage through the stone wall extends from streambed to about 3.4 feet below the spillway crest for a distance of about 20 feet across the middle part of the dam (see photographs 2, 5 and 8, Appendix C). This leakage is clear and amounts to about 9 GPM. Downstream of the scattered wall leakage is a small marshy area at the toe of the right abutment (see Exhibit A-1).

c. Appurtenant Structures.

(1) <u>Spillway</u>: The appearance of the spillway is very poor. The spillway walls (24" high x 18" wide), constructed of stone and concrete, are so badly damaged that 75 percent of the right wall is missing and 25 percent of the left wall is missing (see photograph No. 6), resulting in a wider spillway channel (Paragraph 5.3b). The 6-inch thick stone and

concrete bottom slab is in fair condition. There was no flow over the spillway and the lake level was 0.2 foot below spillway crest on the inspection date. Local residents report that the June 1972 flood exceeded the spillway capacity and the flow overtopped the dam. No information relative to damage to the dam was available.

(2) Outlet Works: The outlet works consists of a 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe (see photographs No. 2 and No. 7) with an upstream gate valve located about 11 feet upstream of the dam centerline (see Exhibit A-3). The stem of the valve extending above the water surface is not operable. The Fish Commission reports unsuccessful efforts with large wrenches to operate the valve. There was no flow through the 12-inch drain. The entire flow of the stream is passing through the dam as leakage and seepage with a combined flow of about 20 GPM on the day of inspection.

d. <u>Reservoir Area</u>. The lower 50 percent of the watershed surrounding the lake is farmland with 5 to 20 percent slopes. The upper half of the watershed is wooded with 10 to 30 percent slopes. A 7-acre swamp is located about 1400 feet upstream of the lake. A public road parallels the west side of the lake and 11 homes and cottages are on the west side of this road. There is no evidence of unstable slope conditions which would affect the stability of the dam. Pertinent watershed features are presented in Exhibit E-1. Geologic conditions in the area are described in Appendix F.

e. <u>Downstream Channel</u>. About 100 feet downstream of the dam is the remnant of a breached stone and concrete dam. This breached dam still forms a small pond area. Downstream of the breached dam, the stream is in a narrow natural wooded ravine, about 30 feet deep with side slopes of about 1V on 2H. From 900 to 1200 feet downstream, these side slopes flatten and contain homes and lawn areas. The stream gradient in this 1200 foot stretch is about 3 percent. Downstream of this point, the stream gradient is about 2 percent and the valley floor widens.

Present stream encroachments within the first reach consist of a series of 5 small ponds with 4 to 5 feet high earth dams located 700 to 900 feet downscream of Fords Lake Dam. The first dwelling that would be affected by dam failure is located 900 feet downstream.

The downstream survey indicates that within the first mile downstream of the dam, 8 residences and two roads could be significantly damaged and more than a few lives may be lost should Forde Lake Dam fail. Consequently, Fords Lake Dam is classified as a high hazard structure.

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# SECTION 4 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

# 4.1 Normal Operating Procedures.

The reservoir is maintained at normal pool with excess inflow discharging over the spillway. During low inflow periods, the entire flow leaks through the dam and pool levels drop below spillway crest elevation.

#### 4.2 Maintenance of Dam.

Maintenance of the dam by the present owners is limited to annual refilling of the large depression and small groundhog holes on the left half of the dam crest. The absence of trash and debris indicates that cleanup activities are maintained. There was no evidence to indicate any recent repair of the spillway or downstream dry stone wall on the right abutment or to replace the missing riprap on the upstream slope.

#### 4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities.

Efforts were made (9/24/74) by the present owners to turn the stem of the inoperable gate valve. After breaking two large pipe wrenches, no further efforts were made to repair or replace this valve.

#### 4.4 Warning System in Effect.

The Fish Commission, in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Communications Council and Radio Emergency Action Communications, have a warning and evacuation plan in the event of potential failure.

#### 4.5 Evaluation.

The maintenance of the dam, spillway and outlet works is unsatisfactory. The present owners make periodic inspections and are aware of the existing deficiencies.

#### SECTION 5 HYDROLOGY AND HYDPAULICS

#### 5.1 Design Data.

There are no hydrologic and hydraulic data available for Fords Lake Dam.

# 5.2 Experience Data.

The probable flood of record in Buttermilk Creek is the March 1964 flood. Other major floods within the Susquehanna River Basin in this century are those of May 1942, August 1955, June 1972 and September 1975. Flood stages or flow records at the damsite or above the mouth of Buttermilk Creek are not available. No records are available on the maximum stage of the reservoir. A 1974 Inspection Report of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission indicates that the dam was overtopped during the 1972 flood and that all downstream residents were evacuated for fear of the dam collapsing.

# 5.3 Visual Observations.

Based on the visual inspection and field survey, described in Section 3 of this report, the observations relevant to hydrology and hydraulics are evaluated below.

a. Dam. The present low point on top of the dam is at elevation 1148.2. The present elevation of the spillway crest is 1147. Consequently, the maximum available freeboard for the dam is 1.2 feet. The variation in dam crest elevation shown in Exhibit A-2, Appendix A, is based on field survey conducted during the inspection. Consideration was given to the backwater effect from the downstream remnant dam on the tailwater elevation at the toe of Fords Lake Dam. Computed tailwater elevations for various discharges over the dam crest are presented in Appendix D.

b. <u>Spillway</u>. The broad crested weir has an effective length of 15 feet due to severe damage to the right wall. The present available head is 1.2 feet. The original rectangular spillway channel narrowed from 15 feet at the spillway crest to 11 feet at its termination with the downstream face of the dam. If the spillway walls and the top of the dam are restored to elevation 1148.9 (see Exhibits A-2 and A-4, Appendix A), the spillway capacity will be controlled by the 11-foot wide rectangular outlet. Consequently, the increase of the maximum head from 1.2 feet to 1.9 feet will increase the present spillway capacity from 43 cfs to 75 cfs, with due consideration given to the velocity head in the spillway. The present conditions of the spillway are illustrated in Exhibit A-1, Appendix A, and shown in Photographs 6 and 8, Appendix C.

c. <u>Reservoir Area</u>. There are no upstream structures of significant influence on the rate and time of flood inflow into Fords Lake. The relative location of Fords Lake with relation to the drainage area centroid is shown in Exhibit E-1, Appendix E. The longest distance from the Lake's intake to the drainage divide was employed for the determination of inflow hydrographs, presented in Appendix D. The present population density within the drainage area is very low. Should the future trend of development in the watershed remain similar to the development that took place since the construction of the dam, the extent of such development is not expected to alter significantly the present rate of

#### reservoir inflow during extreme floods.

Downstream Conditions. d. The location of the breached masonry dam, downstream of Fords Lake Dam, is shown in Exhibit A-1, Appendix A. The ponded area behind this downstream encroachment is shown in Photographs 10 and 11, Appendix C. On the day of the inspection (12/08/80), the spillway was not in operation. The total flow below Fords Lake Dam toe consisted entirely of seepage flow at the estimated rate of 20 Gallons per Minute. Computed tailwater elevations for spillway and dam overtopping discharges are presented in Appendix D. Due to the high hazard classification for the dam (see paragraph 3.1e), two stream stretches were selected for the determination of flood stage elevations resulting from the dam break analysis. The location of the selected stretches are shown on Exhibit E-1, Appendix E. Typical channel sections, representing the end of each stream reach, are presented in Appendix D. Each section was selected with due consideration given to the backwater effect from bridges or other stream encroachments. Hazard to life and property damage, resulting from a dam failure, is limited to the first 4900 feet of Buttermilk Creek below the dam.

#### 5.4 Method of Analysis.

Hydrologic and hydraulic evaluation was made in accordance with the procedures and guidelines established by the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Baltimore district, Phase - I Safety Inspection of Dams. The analysis has been performed utilizing the HEC-1DB program developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hydrologic Engineering Center, Davis, California. A brief description of program capabilities, as well as the input and output data used specifically for this analysis is presented in Appendix D.

#### 5.5 Summary of Analysis.

a. <u>Spillway Design Flood (SDF)</u>. According to the criteria established by the Office of the Chief of Engineers (OCE), the Spillway Design Flood (SDF) for the size (small) and hazard potential (high) of the Fords Lake Dam is between the one-half Probable Maximum Flood (1/2 PMF) and the full PMF. Based on the potential hazard survey, downstream of the dam, the 1/2 PMF is selected as the SDF for the Fords Lake Dam. The computed 1/2 PMF is approximately 1550 cfs.

b. <u>Results of Analysis</u>. The watershed modeling using the HEC-1DB computer program indicates that the spillway can only pass 1% of the PMF without overtopping.

The SDF of 1/2 PMF would overtop the dam to a depth of 2.3 feet for a period of 10 hours. Flood flows of 0.2 PMF would overtop the dam to a depth of 1.2 feet for a period of 8.25 hours. It is assumed that if the Dam is substantially overtopped, erosion and failure will occur. Dam breach analyses were performed assuming the Dam would fail at overtopping depths slightly greater than 1.0' and the breach width would be 15' to 30'. The bottom of the breach was assumed to be the natural streambed, elevation 1137.6. Flows corresponding to 0.2 PMF, the assumed minimum flow which would cause failure, and 0.5 PMF, the SDF, were used for the analyses. The results indicate that the maximum outflow at failure for the 0.2 PMF would be approximately 2890 cfs. When this flow is routed downstream to the first group of dwellings, the flood stage is increased by approximately 3.0 feet over the water surface that would have occurred had the dam not failed. For the lower reach studied, an increased flood stage of 6.6 feet was calculated. The sudden increase in the flood stages at those reaches over the water surface that existed just prior to overtopping is estimated to be 2 to 3 times these values. This increase in flood stage constitutes a serious hazard to property with the possibility of loss of several lives. A summary of computer analyses is tabulated at the end of Appendix D.

c. <u>Spillway Adequacy</u>. Because the occurrence of 1/2 PMF may cause failure of the dam due to overtopping and because the hazard to life and property downstream would be increased, the spillway is considered to be seriously inadequate.

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# SECTION 6 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 Visual Observations.

The visual inspection of Fords Lake Dam is described in Section 3. Observations that are relevant to structural stability of the dam and the appurtenant structures are evaluated below.

a. Dam. A shallow 5-foot diameter depression on top of the dam is located opposite a point source seepage at the toe of the rubble masonry wall (see Exhibit A-1 and Photograph 7, Appendix C). Although the measured flow on the inspection date was clear, the existence of internal erosion in the upstream earth material by seepage forces could not be ruled out by the observed conditions. Annual backfilling of the depression by the Fish Commission personnel and the observed accumulation of silt and clay directly downstream of the seepage area suggest that internal erosion in the upstream earthfill section of the dam has been in progress for quite some time. If this piping and internal erosion of the embankment remains unchecked, the expected undermining of the rubble masonry section could affect the structural integrity of the dam. A relatively high elevation of seeps, depicted by icicle formation on the downstream face of the dam, was noted. The relatively high elevation of the seepage exit line suggests possible clogging of the voids within the stone by the migration of soil particles from the upstream earthfill section of the dam. The collapsed section of the right wall and the displacement and bulges in the masonry wall suggest instability of the structure.

Although the observed conditions are insufficient for quantitative analysis of the dam stability, they indicate that additional investigations are urgently required to determine the remedial measures necessary to insure the integrity of the structure.

b. Appurtenant Structures.

(1) <u>Spillway</u>: The broken spillway walls provide direct contact between the flowing water and the adjacent earth embankment. Flow velocities associated with high spillway discharges can be sufficient to erode the unprotected embankment soils. These velocities could also undermine the spillway slab, causing cracks or complete failure by uplift and washout. Failure of the slab would allow erosion of the underlying earth material and affect the stability of the dam.

(2) <u>Outlet Works</u>: The Pennsylvania Survey of Lakes, conducted in 1914, does not indicate the existence of outlet works in the Fords Lake Dam. The first indication of an existing outlet is in the 1957 dam inspection report, cited in paragraphs 2.1a and 2.4, Section 2. The actual age and condition of the 12-inch diameter cast iron pipe and the operating facilities are not known. The operating mechanism, reported to be a gate valve located on the upstream portion of the pipe, is not operable. Consequently, the structural integrity of the pipe under pressure flow conditions could not be verified.

#### 6.2 Design and Construction Data.

Available design and construction data are inadequate to assess the structural integrity of the dam.

# 6.3 Past Performance.

The available data strongly indicate that the structure is rapidly deteriorating and in urgent need of repair.

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# 6.4 Seismic Stability.

The dam is located in Seismic Zone No. 1. Generally, if static stability is assured, then seismic stability will be satisfactory. However, there has been no static stability analysis made for the dam and therefore, the seismic stability of the dam cannot be assessed.

# SECTION 7 ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment.

a. <u>Safety</u>.

(1) Based on available records, past performance, visual inspection, field survey and calculations, the Fords Lake Dam is judged to be in poor condition. The dam is classified as high hazard with a seriously inadequate spillway and has serious structural deficiencies as previously cited. On this basis, the dam is considered unsafe, non-emergency.

Based on the size and hazard classification of the dam, the recommended Spillway Design Flood (SDF) is the 1/2 PMF. The present spillway can pass approximately 1% of the PMF before overtopping of the dam occurs. It is judged that the dam could not withstand overtopping by flows greater than 0.2 PMF without failing. Failure of the dam would create an increased hazard to loss of life. Therefore, the spillway is seriously inadequate.

(2) Visual evidence suggests that internal erosion in the dam has occurred and may continue to occur. This internal erosion can seriously affect the structural stability of the dam.

(3) The deteriorated spillway walls expose the adjacent earthfill embankment to erosion during periods of spillway discharge. Excessive erosion of the earth embankment is detrimental to the safety of the dam.

(4) There is no operable outlet works for the dam.

(5) The present maintenance of the dam is unsatisfactory.

b. <u>Adequacy of Information</u>. The data collected from previously cited dam inspection reports, past performance, visual inspection and computations performed as part of this study are sufficient for the Phase I Dam safety assessment.

c. <u>Urgency</u>. The recommendations in Paragraph 7.2 should be implemented immediately.

d. <u>Necessity for Further Investigations</u>. In order to accomplish some of the remedial measures outlined in Paragraph 7.2, further investigations by a professional engineer, experienced in the design and construction of dams, will be necessary.

7.2 Recommendations and Remedial Measures.

a. The following investigations and remedial measures are recommended for immediate implementation by the owner.

(1) Perform additional studies to ascertain more accurately the required spillway capacity and implement the necessary corrective actions.

(2) Perform investigations to determine the subsurface foundation and embankment conditions relative to the indicated internal erosion problems and the sturctural stability of the dam. These investigations should include monitoring of the seepage quantity and turbidity. Design and construct remedial measures as necessary. (3) Perform temporary repairs to the existing spillway walls to prevent embankment erosion until an adequate spillway is constructed.

(4) Provide a method of drawing down the lake.

(5) Provide additional erosion protection along the upstream crest of the dam to prevent wave erosion.

(6) Fill the subsidence depression and groundhog holes on the dam crest.

(7) Until the investigations recommended above are complete, the owner should institute a monitoring program to detect any significant changes in the condition of the dam and appurtenant structures. If significant changes occur, appropriate action should be taken as required.

All investigations, monitoring programs, and design of remedial measures should be performed by a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams.

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

(1) Institute an inspection program such that the dam is visited frequently. As presently required by the Commonwealth, the inspection program should include a formal annual inspection by a professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams. Utilize the inspection results to determine if remedial measures are necessary.

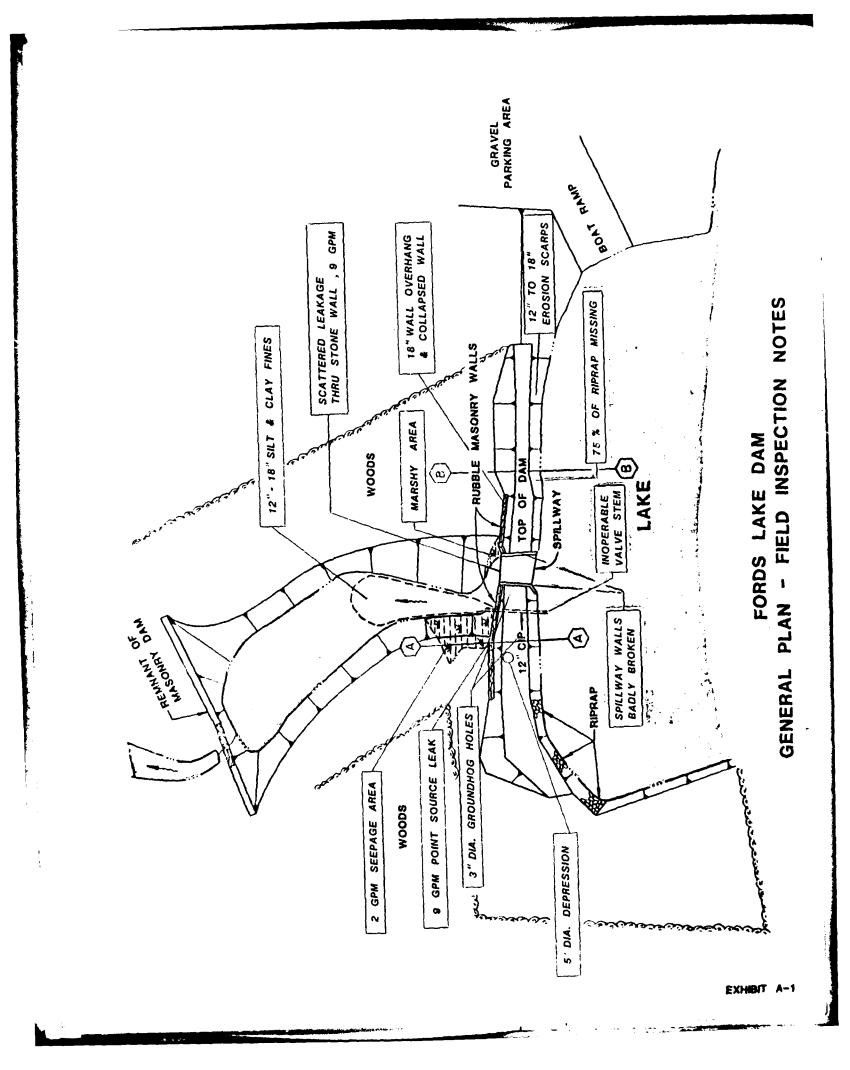
(2) Institute a maintenance program so that all features of the dam are properly maintained.

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# VISUAL INSPECTION - CHECKLIST AND FIELD SKETCHES



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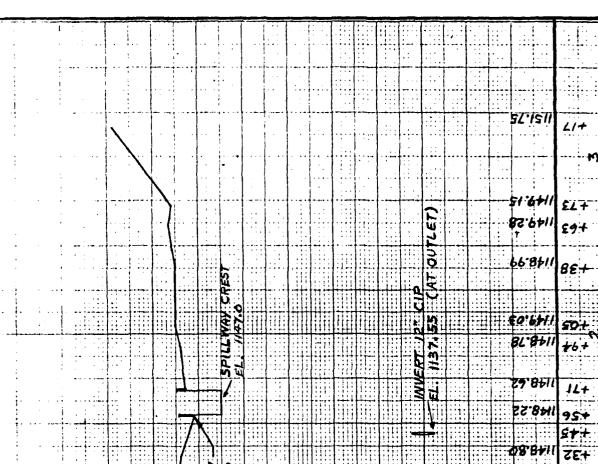
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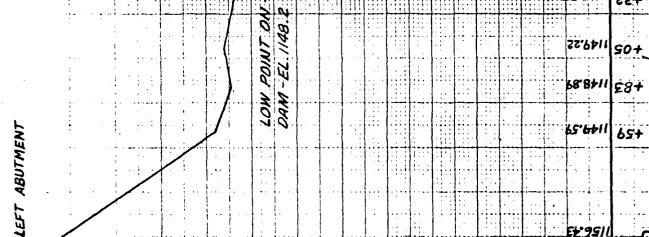
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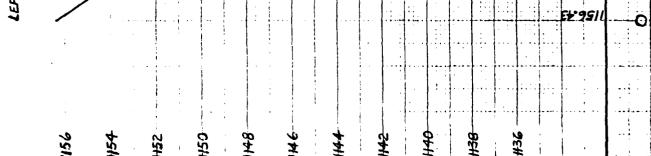
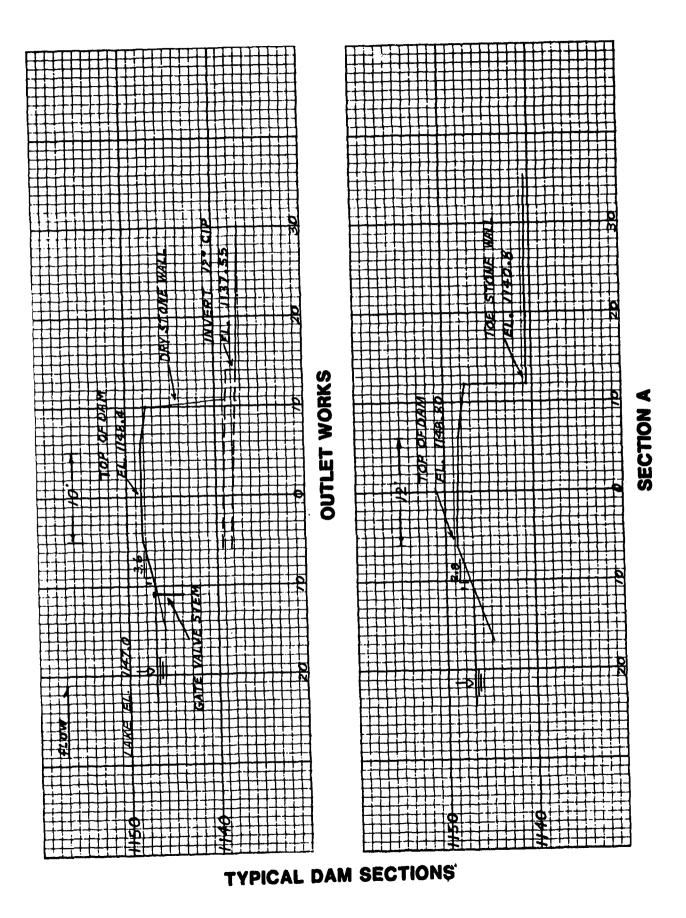
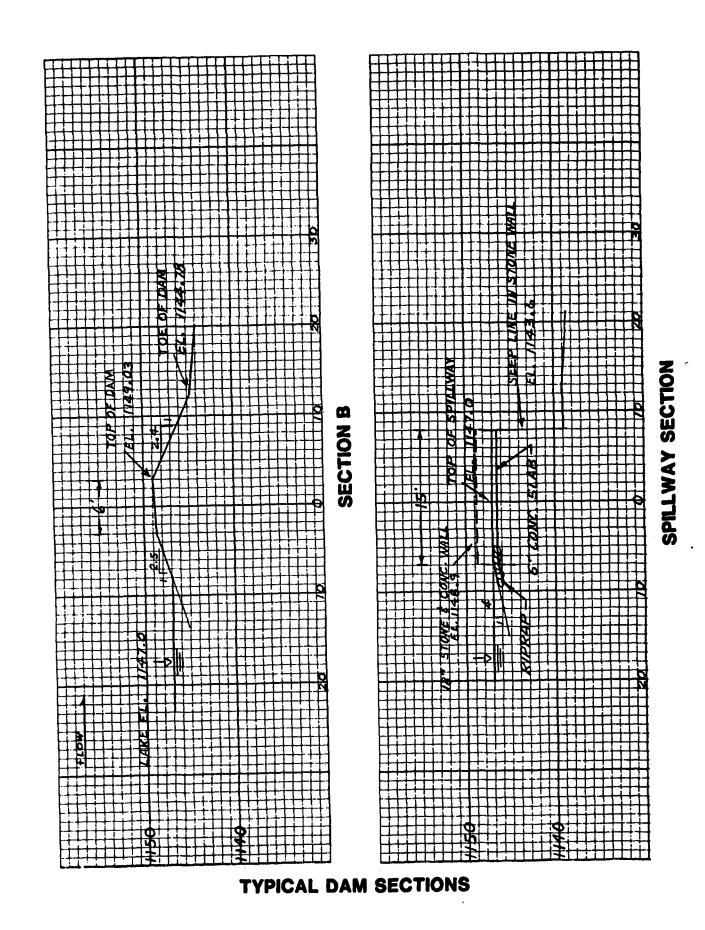


EXHIBIT A-2

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CHECK LIST VISUAL INSPECTION PHASE 1

COUNTY Lackawanna		HAZARD CATEGORY High	темрекатике <u>45<sup>0</sup> к</u> (п 11:00 а.М.			
NAME OF DAM Ford's Lake Dam STATE Pennsylvania	NDI # PA - 298 PENNDER # 35-064	TYPE OF DAM Dry Stone Masonry & Earth Fill SIZE Small	DATE(S) INSPECTION 12/08/80 WEATHER Cloudy	POOL ELEVATION AT TIME OF INSPECTION 1147.0 M.S.L.	TAILWATER AT TIME OF INSPECTION 1136.6 M.S.L.	

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<b>OWNER REPRESENTATIVES</b>	<u>Charles Ryport, Pa. Fish Coumi</u> ssio <u>n</u>	<u>E. Jon Grindall, Pa. Fish Comm.</u>	Daniel O'Neill, Pa. Fish Comm.		
INSPECTION PERSONNEL	<u> Gideon Yachin - Engineer</u>	<u>James Diaz - Geologist</u>	Ronald Mather - Surveyor		

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ITEM	<b>OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS</b> NDI# PA · 298
SURFACE CRACKS	On left half of dam, a 5' diameter, 6" deep depression (refilled annually) and two 3" and 4" dia groundhog holes are present.
UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OR CRACKING AT OR BEYOND THE TOE	The 12"to 18" of silt and clay fines in the downstream pond area and annual refilling of the 5' diameter depression suggests washing out of embankment material.
SLOUGHING OR ERO- SION OF EMBANK- MENT AND ABUTMENT SLOPES	Downstream vertical face of dry stone wall has 12"to 18" overhang bulges and $20^{+1}$ of right end has fallen.
VERTICAL AND HORI- ZONTAL ALIGNMENT OF THE CREST	Downstream vertical wall has downstream bulges and overhang up to 18". For horizontal and vertical crest alignment, see Exhibits A-l and A-2 respectively.
RIPRAP FAILURES	75% of upstream riprap above waterline is pushed into water and earth embank- ment is exposed above waterline. Occasional vertical earth scarps 12 <sup>1</sup> 18" indicate wave erosion.
JUNCTION OF EMBANK- MENT AND ABUT- MENT, SPILLWAY AND DAM	Seepage areas on lower parts of both downstream abutments and wall failure on right abutment.

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ITEM	OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS WDI# PA- 298
DAMP AREAS IRREGULAR VEGETA- TION (LUSH OR DEAD PLANTS)	Wet, green, marshy areas on lower parts of both abutments.
ANY NOTICEABLE SEEPAGE	Seepage is pronounced at the downstream toe of both abutments.
STAFF GAGE AND RECORDER	None
DRAINS	None visible.
ROCK OUTCROPS	None
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**OUTLET WORKS** 

ITEM	OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS NDI# PA · 298
INTAKE STRUCTURE	None visible.
OUTLET CONDUIT (CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CON- CRETE SURFACES)	12" diameter C.I.P. with gate valve control on upstream slope. Gate valve not operable.
OUTLET STRUCTURE	None. Outlet pipe terminates approximately 3 feet downstream of the masonry face of the dam.
OUTLET CHANNEL	Outlet pipe drains into ponded area $(3/4 \text{ acre}^+)$ of breached stone & concrete dam (see Exhibit A-1, Appendix A and photographs 10, 11, Appendix C).
GATE(S) AND OPERA- TIONAL EQUIPMENT	12" Gate valve(indicated by p1 <b>pe diameter). V</b> alve is not operable.
CONCRETE SURFACES CRACKS, SPALLING JOINTS	M

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**EMERGENCY SPILLWAY** 

ITEM	OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS NDI# PA · 298
TYPE AND CONDITION	Concrete slab with stone and concrete walls (24"h x 18"w). Slab in fair condition. Walls in very poor condition with 75% of right wall missing and 25% of left wall missing. (see photo No. 6, Appendix C).
APPROACH CHANNEL	Spillway approach narrows from 15.0 to 11.0'. Bottom is lined with stone riprap.
SPILLWAY CHANNEL AND SIDEWALLS	6" <sup>±</sup> stone & concrete slab in fair condition. 24" high x 18" wide stone & concrete walls in very poor condition. Most of right wall missing.
STILLING BASIN PLUNGE POOL	No constructed stilling basin. However, the pond from breached downstream dam serves as a plunge pool. during significant spillway discharges.
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Ponded area created by a downstream breached dam. (see Photo No.10, Appendix C).
BRIDGE AND PIERS EMERGENCY GATES	None

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ITEM	<b>OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	NDI# PA ·	298
TYPE AND CONDITION	N.A.		
APPROACH CHANNEL	м.А.		
OUTLET STRUCTURE	N.A.		
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	N.A.		
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ITEM	OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS NDI# PA · 298
MONUMENTATION SURVEYS	None
OBSERVATION WELLS	None
WEIRS	None
PIEZOMETERS	None
OTHERS	
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE DATA	Annual filling of depression on left embankment. No repair work on concrete walls, stone walls or riprap.
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**RESERVOIR AREA AND DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL** 

ITEM	<b>OBSERVATIONS/REMARKS/RECOMMENDATIONS</b> NDI# PA 298
SLOPES: RESERVOIR	Gentle to moderate (15% $\frac{1}{2}$ ) partly wooded slopes.
SEDIMENTATION	Several acres of silt, clay and fine sand are deposited at the upper end of the lake.
DOWNSTREAM CHAN- NEL (OBSTRUCTIONS, DEBRIS, ETC.)	Breached dry stone and concrete dam with concrete face 150' <sup>±</sup> downstream. Natural wooded stream channel further donwstream.
SLOPES: CHANNEL VALLEY	The first 900 feet downstream is a steep, narrow, natural wooded valley about 30 feet deep with 1 on 2 side slopes. Further downstream, the valley floor widens, slopes are flatter, and contains homes and open areas.
APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF HOMES AND POPULATION	In a distance of about one mile downstream, there are 8 occupied dwellings, located less than 100 feet from and 2.5 to 7.5 feet above the stream channel
WATERSHED DESCRIPTION	Wooded with some farmland in the areas adjacent to the lake.

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## APPENDIX B

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# ENGINEERING DATA - CHECKLIST

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CHECK LIST ENGINEERING DATA PHASE I

NAME OF DAM FORD'S LAKE DAM

ITEM	REMARKS NDIN PA -	00298
PERSONS INTERVIEWED AND TITLE	E. Jon Grindall, P.E., Senior Project Engineer, Bureau of Fisheries and Engineering, Pennsylvania Fish Commission.	pu
REGIONAL VICINITY MAP	See Exhibit E-1, Appendix E.	
CONSTRUCTION HISTORY	Constructed prior to the "Survey of Lakes", made at the direction of the Pennsylvania Water Supply Commission, in 1914.	the
AVAILABLE DRAWINGS	None	
TYPICAL DAM SECTIONS	See Exhibits A-3 and A-4, Appendix A (based on survey mode on 12/08/80).	80).
OUTLETS. PLAN DETAILS DISCHARGE RATINGS	Construction plans not available. For present conditions, see Exhibits A-1 and A-3, Appendix A. Not available.	its A-1 PAGE: 0F 5

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ITEM	REMARKS NDIM PA · 298
SPILLWAY: PLAN SECTION DETAILS	Construction Drawings are not available. For present conditions, see Exhibit A-1 Exhibit A-4
OPERATING EQUIP. MENT PLANS AND DETAILS	Upstream control for the 12-inch diameter CIP conduit is inoperable. For location of the valve stem, see Exhibits A-1 and A-3, Appendix A.
DESIGN REPORTS	None available.
GEOLOGY REPORTS	None available.
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS: HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS STABILITY ANALYSES SEEPAGE ANALYSES	None available.
MATERIAL INVESTIGATIONS: BORING RECORDS LABORATORY TESTING FIELD TESTING	None available.
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	DEMADKS	NDI# PA . 298
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BORROW SOURCES	Not known	
POST CONSTRUCTION DAM SURVEYS	None available prior to 1980. For conditions on 12/08/80, see top of dam profile and typical sections, Appendix A.	
POST CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING STUDIES AND REPORTS	Inspection reports: 1914 & 1957 - PennDER file. 1974 - Fish Commission file. Inundation Map: 1979 - Pa. Fish Commission file.	
HIGH POOL RECORDS	None. Local sources reported that overtopping occurred during June 1972 Flood.	ing June 1972 Floo
MONITORING SYSTEMS	None.	
MODIFICATIONS	Not known.	

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CHECK LIST ENGINEERING DATA PHASE I

ITEM	REMARKS NDIM PA- 298
PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURES	Not reported.
MAINTENANCE RECORDS MANUAL	Not available. Attempt was made to operate the outlet works on 9/28/74 to no avail. Annual filling of depression on left abutment has been reported.
OPERATION: RECORDS MANUAL	Not available.
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES	Self-regulating.
WARNING SYSTEM AND/OR COMMUNICATION FACILITIES	The owners,in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Communications Counci- and REAC, have a warning and evacuation plan in the event of potential failure. There is no unattended warning system at the dam at the present time.
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### CHECK LIST HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING DATA

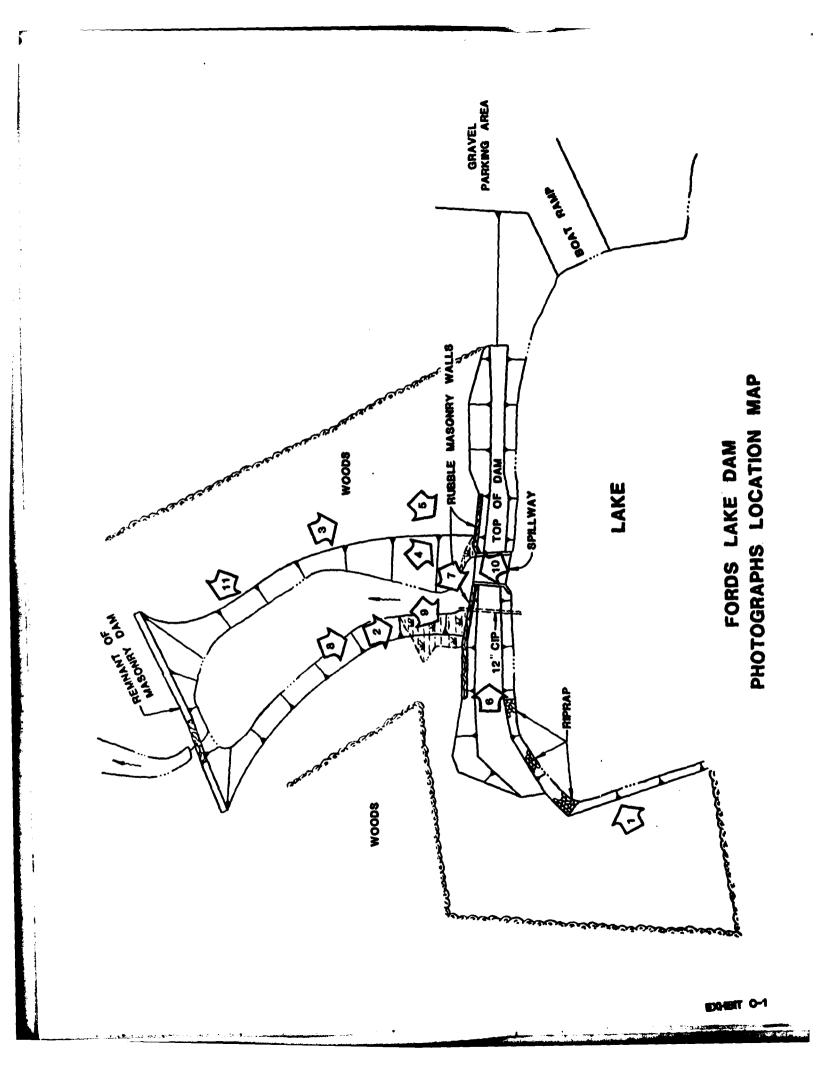
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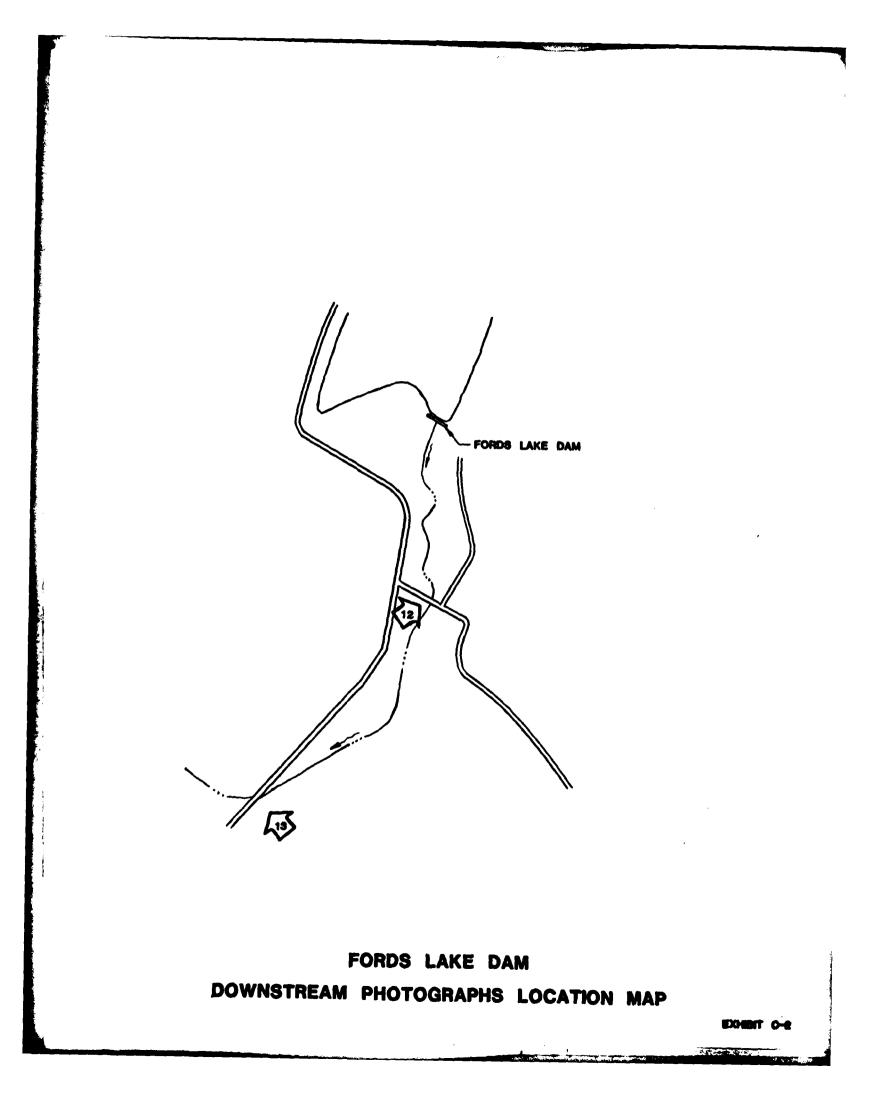
SIZE OF DRAINAGE AREA: 1.07 square miles
ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL. <u>1147</u> STORAGE CAPACITY <u>212</u> acre-feet
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ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOLSTORAGE CAPACITY
ELEVATION TOP DAM: STORAGE CAPACITY: 295 acre-feet
SPILLWAY DATA
CREST ELEVATION: 1147.0 feet above mean sea level
TYPE: Uncontrolled Broad Crested Rectangular Weir
CREST LENGTH:
CHANNEL LENGTH:15_feet
SPILLOVER LOCATION:At center of dam
NUMBER AND TYPE OF GATES: None
OUTLET WORKS
TYPE: <u>12" diameter C.I.P.</u>
LOCATION:At the maximum dam section, left of spillway
ENTRANCE INVERTS:Not_known
EXIT INVERTS: 1137.5 feet
EMERGENCY DRAWDOWN FACILITIES Inoperable upstream control
HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES
TYPE:None
LOCATION:None
RECORDS:None
MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE:43 cfs
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PHOTOGRAPHS



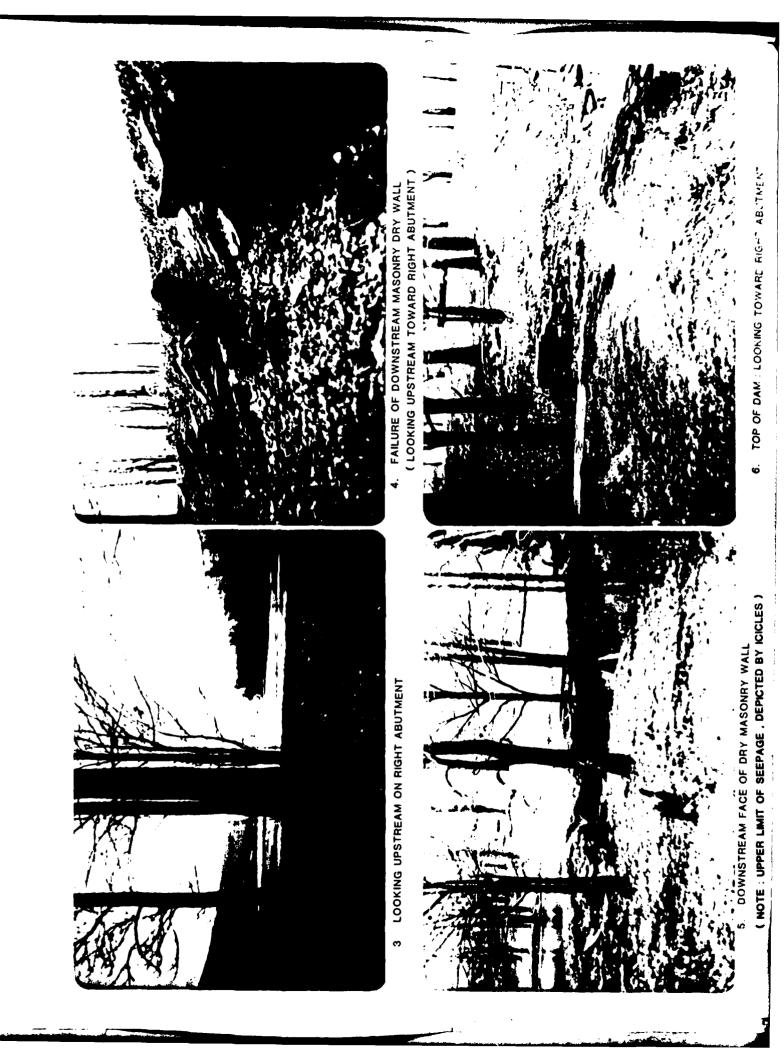




( OUTLET PIPE IN FOREGROUND )



1. UPSTREAM VIEW ( FROM LEFT BANK )







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## APPENDIX D

# HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULICS

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#### SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF FLOOD HYDROGRAPH PACKAGE (HEC-1) DAM SAFETY INVESTIGATIONS

The hydrologic and hydraulic evaluation for this inspection report has employed computer techniques using the Corps of Engineers computer program identified as the Flood Hydrograph Package (HEC-1) Dam Safety Version.

The program has been designed to enable the user to perform two basic types of hydrologic analyses: (1) the evaluation of the over-topping potential of the dam, and (2) estimate the downstream hydrologic-hydraulic consequences resulting from assumed structural failures of the dam. A brief summary of the computation procedures typically used in the dam overtopping analysis is shown below.

- Development of an inflow hydrograph to the reservoir.
- Routing of the inflow hydrograph(s) through the reservoir to determine if the event(s) analyzed would overtop the dam.
- Routing of the outflow hydrograph(s) of the reservoir to desired downstream locations. The results provide the peak discharge, time of the peak discharge and maximum stage of each routed hydrograph at the outlet of the reach.

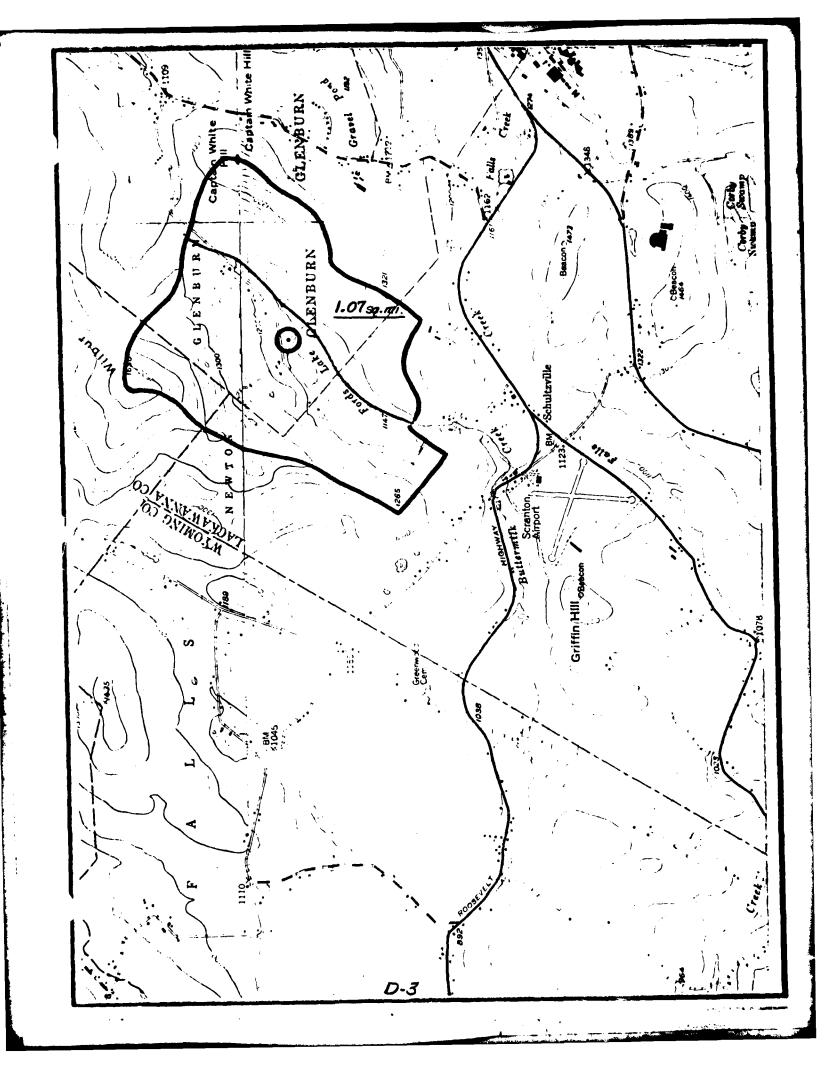
The output data provided by this program permits the comparison of downstream conditions just prior to a breach failure with that after a breach failure and the determination as to whether or not there is a significant increase in the hazard to loss of life as a result of such a failure.

The results of the studies conducted for this report are presented in Section 5.

For detailed information regarding this program, refer to the Users Manual for the Flood Hydrograph Package (HEC-1), Dam Safety Investigations prepared by the Hydrologic Engineering Center, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Davis, California.

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### GENERAL DATA

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### DAM DATA

TOP OF DAM ELEV. (LOW POINT	·)
DAM LENGTH (INC. SPILLWAY)	)
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LENGTH	BELOW
OF DAM	ELEV.
0.	1148.2
87'	1149.0
178	1149.2
223.	114.9.6
280'	1151.7

SPILLWAY DATA

SPILLWAY TYPEBROAD-CRESTED WEIR (COUC.)CREST ELEV.1/47.0SPILLWAY LENGTH1/1.0'  $\bigcirc$  D'NSTR. ENDWIDTH15.0' (AVG.)SPILLWAY HEAD AVAILABLE1.2'"C" VALUE - SPILLWAY (\$2.7) USE 3.0MAX. SPILLWAY DISCHARGE $Q = CLH^{3/2} = (3)(11X1.2)^{4/2}$ : 43 CFS

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OUTLET WORKS DATA

OUTLET TYPE

NORMAL POOL LEVEL IS MAINTAINED AT THE SPILLWAY CREST ELEV. 1147.0 THE LAKE DRAIN 13 A 12" CIP W/ UPSTR. BATE & 13 NORMALLY CLOSED & PRESENTLY INOPERATIVE.

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STORAGE DATA

DESCRIPTION	AGE	STOR	AREA	ELEV.
	(AC.FT.)	(MG.)	(Ac.)	(FT.)
RESERVOIR BOT.	0	0	0	1137.5 (1)
SPILLWAY CREST	212	68*	67	1147.0
TOP OF DAM	295	96	71	1148.2
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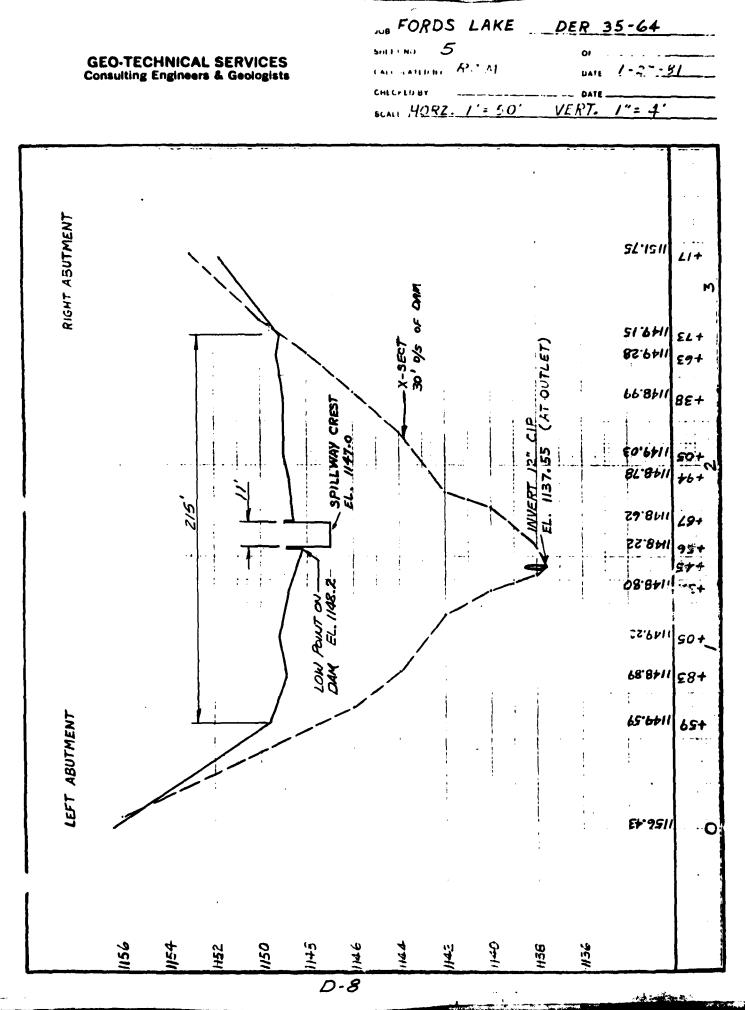
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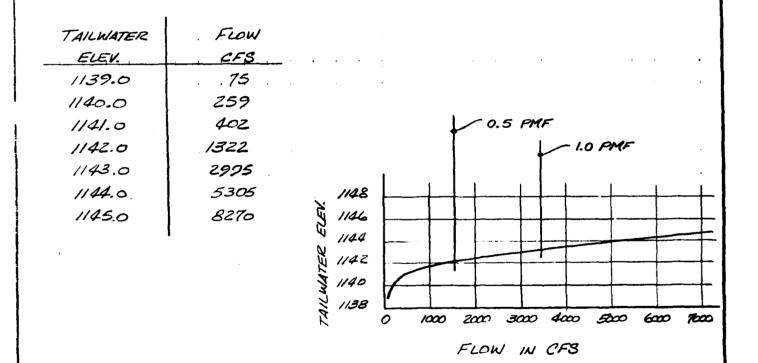
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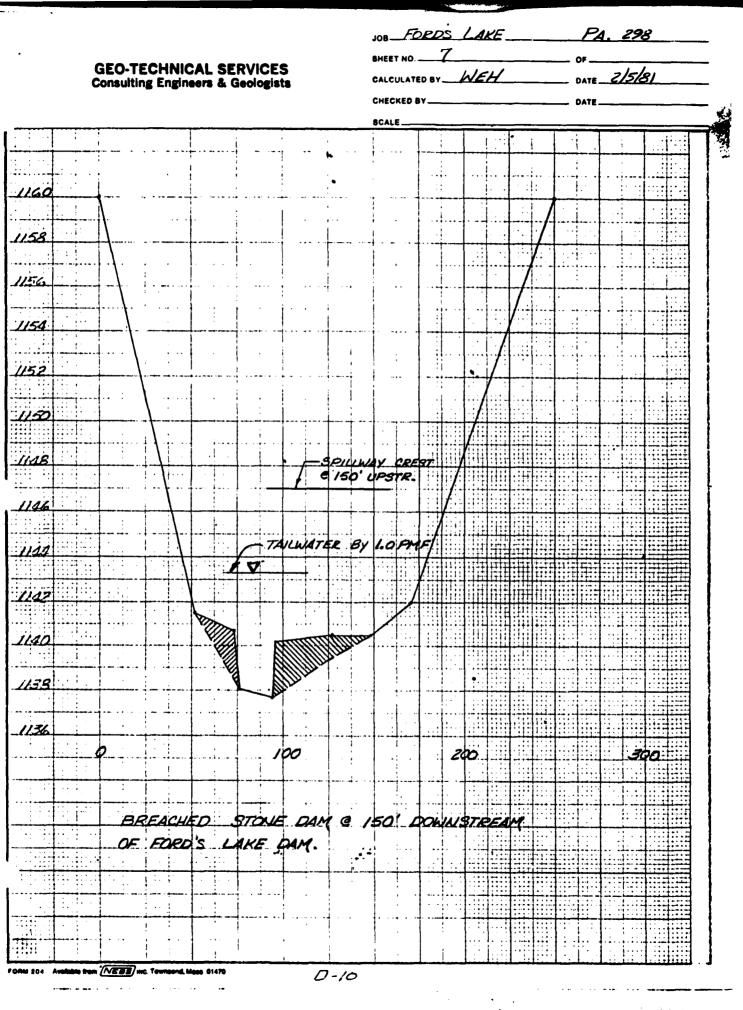
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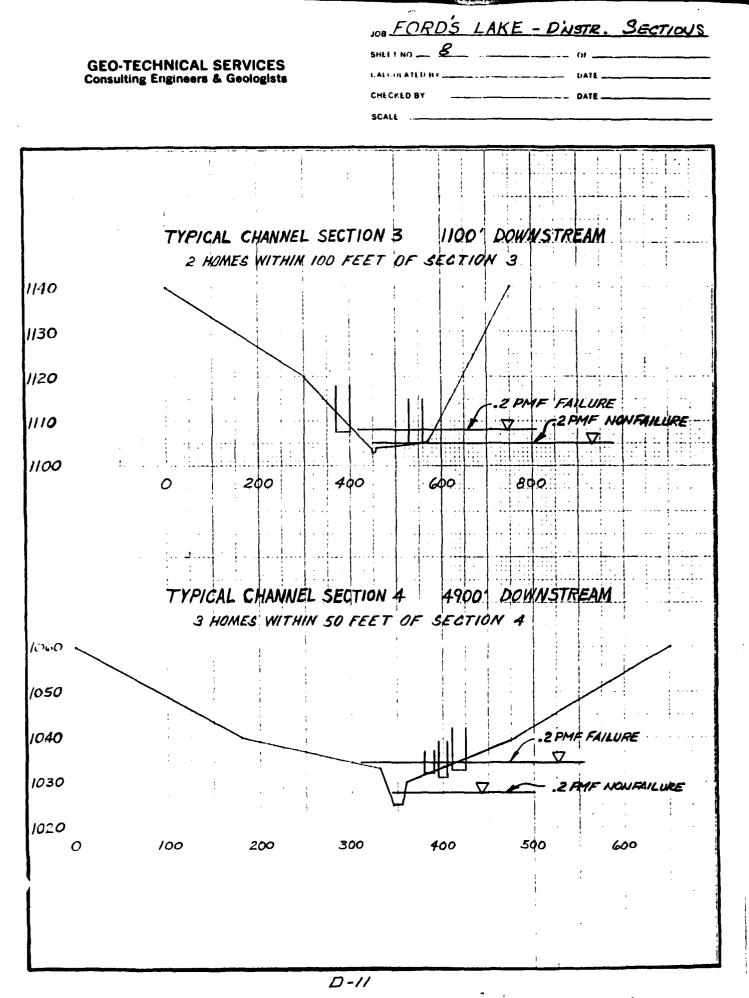


CONCLUSIONS :

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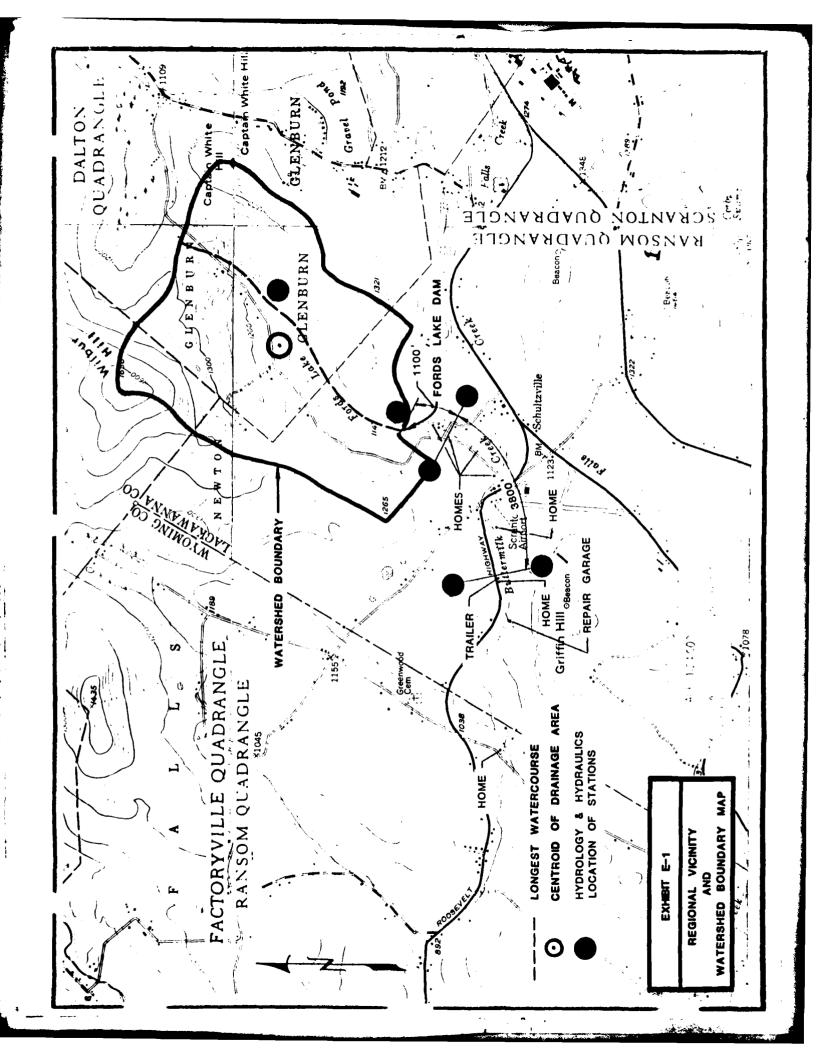
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# APPENDIX E

# EXHIBITS



APPENDIX F

GEOLOGY

FORD'S LAKE DAM

# APPENDIX F

### GEOLOGY

The Ford's Lake Dam and reservoir area are located within the Glaciated Allegheny Plateau Section of the Appalachian Plateau Physiographic Province. The site is about 8 miles northwest of the axis of the Northern Anthracite Field of Pennsylvania. Deposits of glacial drift of variable thickness covers the entire area. The drift was deposited by the Wisconsin Ice Sheet during the Pleistocene period of geologic time.

The glacial drift is composed primarily of till which is reddish brown, unsorted, compact mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and cobbles with occasional boulder size pieces. The stone pieces are sub-angular to rounded and consist mainly of sandstone and siltstone derived from the Catskill Formation, the dominant rock formation in the area. The clay content and compact nature of the till makes it a relatively impervious soil type.

Some deposits of glacial outwash and Kame terraces are also found in the area. These deposits are composed of loose, poorly sorted to stratified deposits of silt, sand, and gravel. The Kame and outwash deposits are generally very pervious. A hand-dug well (E.H. Stanton) about 2500 feet west of the dam site, penetrated 31 feet of outwash deposits.

Other loose pervious soils in the area are the recent deposits of alluvial silt, sand, and gravel with some clay. These soils are localized and limited to streambeds and flood plain areas. The flat, marshy area at the upstream end of the lake contains such alluvial desposits.

The bedrock underlying the entire dam and reservoir area is the Catskill Formation of the Susquehanna Group. This group of formations is of Upper Devonian age. The Catskill strata generally consists of well indurated, red shale, siltstone and fine sandstone with some gray, green, and brown shale, siltstone and sandstone layers. Occasional conglomeratic layers are encountered. The red shales are the dominant lithology and the residual soils derived from this rock are usually high in clay and silt and contain numerous flaky and angular fragments and flat, slabby boulders. The hillside left of the dam and reservoir areas is covered with many such flat, slabby boulders and the dry masonry walls of the dam itself are constructed from similar one and two-man sized boulders.

The regional structure of the bedrock in the area indicates that the bedrock underlying the dam and reservoir area is gently folded (dip  $1^{\circ}NW$ ) to near-horizontal. The regional strike of the folds is N 55°E.

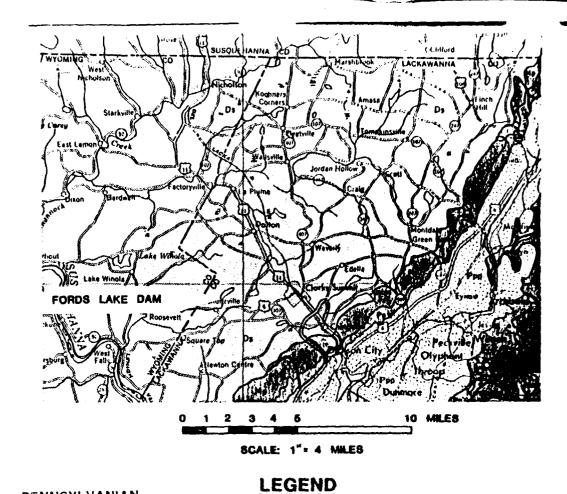
Although depth to bedrock at the dam site is unknown, the steep earth slopes about 500 feet downstream of the dam and the hand-dug well to the west indicates at least 30 feet of overburden soil.

Ref.: Ground Water of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Stanley W. Lohman, 1937; Bulletin W-4, Pennsylvania Geologic Survey

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GEOLOGIC MAP AND LEGEND OBTAINED FROM GEOLOGIC MAP

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### Catskill Formation

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## FORDS LAKE DAM GEOLOGIC MAP

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