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#### BRIEF ASSESSMENT

#### PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

#### NATIONAL PROGRAM OF INSPECTION OF DAMS

| Name of Dam:        | STILLWATER POND DAM         |
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| Inventory Number:   | CT-00098                    |
| State Located:      | CONNECTICUT                 |
| County Located:     | LITCHFIELD                  |
| Town Located:       | TORRINGTON                  |
| Stream:             | WEST BRANCH NAUGATUCK RIVER |
| Owner:              | STILLWATER POND CORPORATION |
| Date of Inspection: | MAY 3, 1979                 |
| Inspection Team:    | PETER M. HEYNEN, P.E.       |
| -                   | MIRON PETROVSKY             |
|                     | GEORGE STEPHENS             |
|                     | MOSHE NORMAN                |

The dam is an earth embankment approximately 15 feet wide at the crest, 443 feet long and 35 above the streambed of West Branch, Naugatuck River. The spillway is a 193 foot long compound concrete weir. Three outlet pipes (30 inch diameter, 6 inch diameter and 16 inch diameter) run from the bottom of the outlet structure through the downstream training wall. The operating mechanisms for these outlets are in the gatehouse approximately on the centerline of the dam.

Based upon the visual inspection and past performance of the dam, the dam is judged to be in fair condition. No evidence of instability was observed in any component of the dam. There is extensive spalling of the downstream face of the spillway; spalling of the top face of the upstream training wall; brush, tree growth and tree stumps on the slopes and crest of the embankment; and disrepair of the gatehouse and security fencing.

Based upon the size (Intermediate) and hazard classification (High) of the dam in accordance with Corps of Engineers Guidelines, the test flood will be equivalent to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Peak inflow to the reservoir is 20,400 cfs; peak outflow is 19,800 cfs with the dam overtopped by 0.5 feet. Based upon our hydraulics computations, the spillway capacity is 16,000 cubic feet per second (cfs), which is equivalent to 81% of the routed test flood outflow.

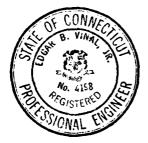
It is recommended that further studies be undertaken to perform a more refined hydraulic/hydrologic study to determine spillway adequacy and overtopping potential. Recommendations should be made by the engineer conducting the study, and implemented by the owner.

It is further recommended that studies be undertaken pertaining to the repair of spalled concrete, removal of vegetation from the earth embankment, and inspection of those portions of the dam which were not visible.

The above recommendations, and any further remedial measures which are discussed in Section 7, should be instituted within one year of the owner's receipt of this report.

Peter M. Heynen, P.E. Project Manager Cahn Engineers, Inc.

Edger B. Vinal, Jr., E. Senior Vice President Cahn Engineers, Inc.



This Phase I Inspection Report on Stillwater Pond Dam has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgment and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

CHARLES G. TIERSCH, Chairman Chief, Foundation and Materials Branch Engineering Division

FRED J. RAVENS, Jr., Member Chief, Design Branch Engineering Division

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APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

JOE B. FRYAR Chief, Engineering Division

#### 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 inspection. 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 would necessarily represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions will be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the Spillway Test Flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as neccessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test 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.

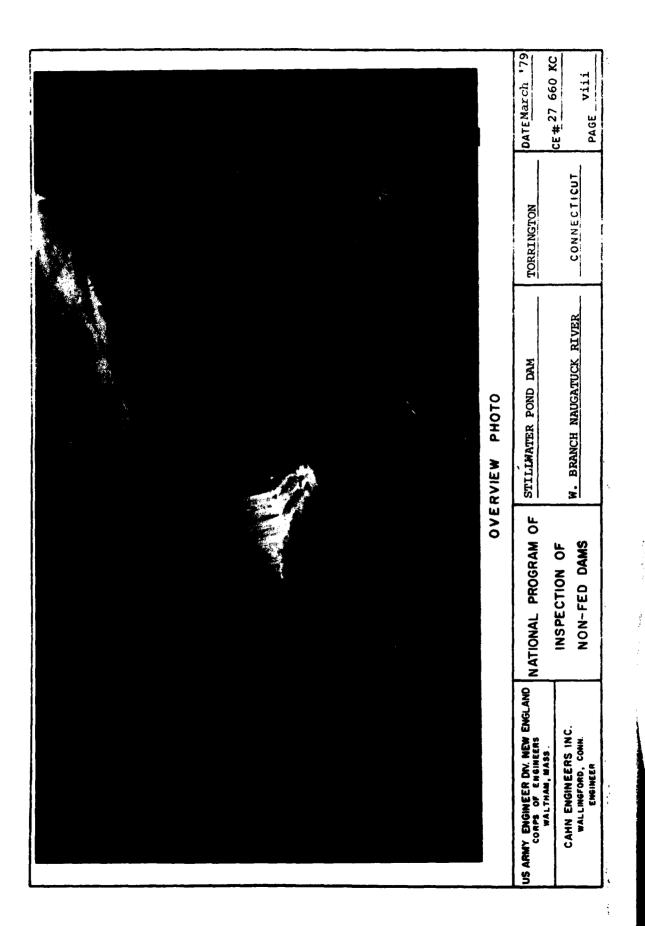
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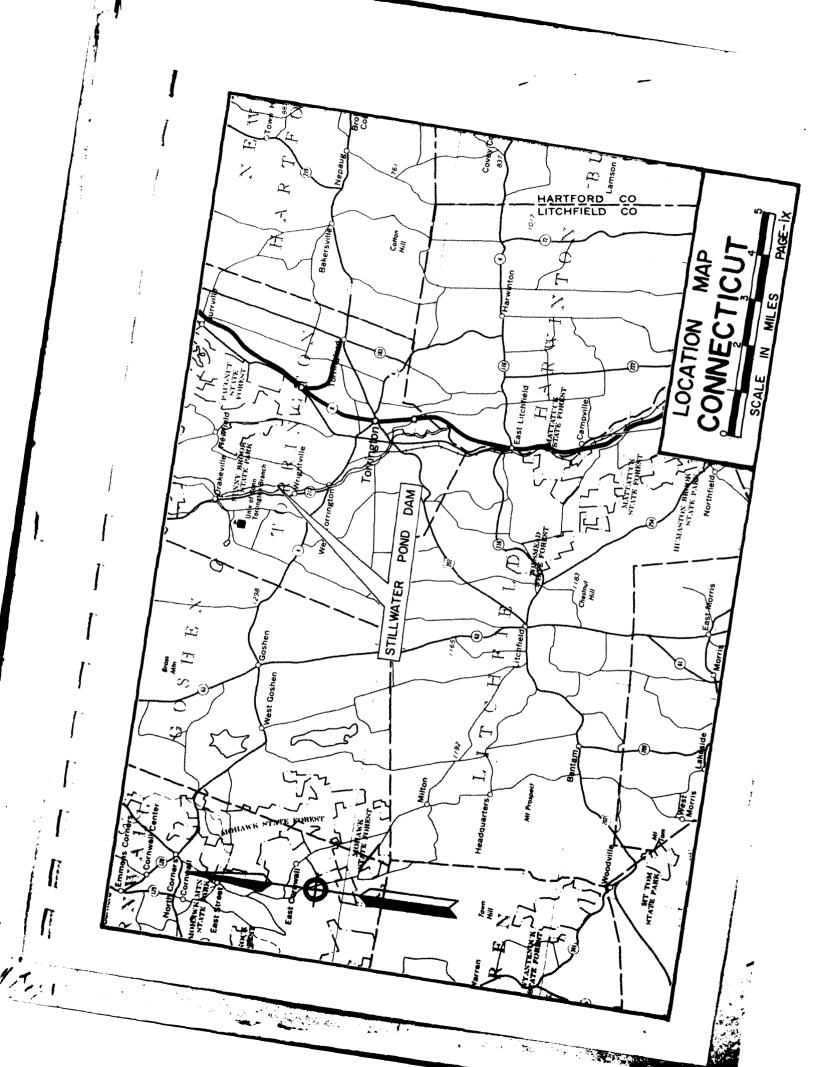
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#### PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

#### STILLWATER POND DAM

#### SECTION I - PROJECT INFORMATION

#### 1.1 GENERAL

- a. Authority Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. Cahn Engineers, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of Connecticut. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Cahn Engineers, Inc. under a letter of from John P. Chandler, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-79-C-0059 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.
- b. <u>Purpose of Inspection Program</u> The purposes of the program are to:
  - 1. Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions requiring correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.
  - Encourage and prepare the States to quickly initiate effective dam inspection programs for non-federal dams.
  - 3. To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.
- c. Scope of Inspection Program The scope of this Phase I inspection report includes:
  - Gathering, reviewing and presenting all available data that can be obtained from the owners, previous owners, the state and other associated parties.
  - 2. A field inspection of the facility detailing the visual condition of the dam, embankments and appurtenant structures.
  - 3. Computations concerning the hydraulics and hydrology of the facility and its relationship to the calculated flood through the existing spillway.
  - 4. An assessment of the condition of the facility and corrective measures required.

It should be noted that this report does not pass judgement on the safety or stability of the dam other than on a visual basis. The inspection is to identify those features of the dam which need corrective action and/or further study.

#### 1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- a. Location The dam is located on the West Branch, Naugatuck River in a rural area of the City of Torrington, County of Litchfield, State of Connecticut. The dam is shown on the West Torrington USGS Quadrangle Map having coordinates latitude N 41 $^\circ$  50.0 $^\circ$  and longitude W 73 $^\circ$  08.8 $^\circ$ .
- Description of Dam and Appurtenances As shown on Sheet B-1, the dam is a 443 foot long earth embankment (including 193 feet of spillway) with a concrete corewall. The top of the dam, at elevation 743.0, is approximately 35 feet above the streambed of the West Branch, Naugatuck River. The upstream slope is protected by riprap which extends to within 4 feet of the top. The exposed upstream slope (including the riprap), the crest and the downstream slope are covered by a thick growth of small trees, brush and vines. At the left end of the embankment there are numerous tree stumps (12 to 18 inches in diameter). The crest of the embankment is 15 feet wide and is used as a footpath. The top of the concrete corewall is at elevation 737.0. The concrete spillway section located at the right end of the dam is 193 feet in length and has a flow line elevation of 735.0. Separating the earth embankment and the spillway are upstream and downstream training walls. The spillway is founded on bedrock for the entire length. The outlet structure, constructed of concrete and founded on bedrock, has three stacked inlet windows protected by bar screens. The windows are each 5 feet high and range in width from 6 feet to 7 feet. The bottom of the outlet structure is at elevation 709. are three outlets (30 inch diameter, 6 inch diameter and 16 inch diameter) which lead from the bottom of the outlet structure through the downstream training wall into the lower portion of the spillway. The invert elevation of these outlets could not be determined since they were submerged. The gatehouse is in disrepair due to vandalism and lack of maintenance. The gatehouse has a wood floor and houses the operating mechanisms for the valves on the outlet pipes. The valves for the 30 inch diameter and 16 inch diameter outlets are operable but the valve for the 6 inch diameter outlet is The outlet structure has slots for stop logs but this could not be viewed as the owner would not permit the floor to The upstream and downstream training walls are be opened. constructed of concrete, founded on bedrock, and separate the earth embankment from the spillway. The spillway side of these walls are battered at 1 inch per foot and the embankment side 2½ inches per foot. The top of each is sloped at 2 to 1 to follow the slope of the embankment.

- c. <u>Size Classification</u> INTERMEDIATE The dam impounds 2050 acre-feet of water with the reservoir level at the top of the dam, which at elevation 743.0, is 35 feet above the (old) streambed. According to the Recommended Guidelines, the dam is classified as intermediate in size.
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u> HIGH The dam is located approximately 1800 feet upstream from eight houses, (one under construction) two of which have foundation sills approximately 10 feet above the streambed. If the dam were to be breached, there is potential for loss of life and extensive property damage at these residences and in the City of Torrington, which is 1½ miles downstream. Also, local flood protection works for the City of Torrington would be overtopped.
  - e. Ownership Stillwater Pond Corporation
    75 Woodside Circle
    Torrington, Connecticut 06790
    Mr. Harold Schwartz (203) 489-5015

The dam was previously owned by Anaconda American Brass Co. of Waterbury Ct. (successor to Coe Brass Co. which built the dam).

- f. Operator None. The dam is normally unattended.
- g. Purpose of Dam Recreational.
- h. <u>Design and Construction History</u> The following information is believed to be accurate based on the available plans and correspondence, which are included in Appendix B.

The Inventory of Dams in the United States reports the year completed to be 1880. However, the plans of the dam are dated 1906 and these plans are an accurate representation of the dam as it exists today except for the downstream bridge, which was replaced in 1956 after being washed away. There is no information available on the designer or contractor. The plans have the name Coe Brass Co. (predecessor to American Brass) but no records are available from Anaconda American Brass Co. There are no records of nor does it appear that any changes have been made to the dam.

i. Normal Operational Procedures - The owner stated that he partially opens the 16 inch diameter valve in the normally dry summer months but otherwise no effort is made to regulate the reservoir level.

#### 1.3 PERTINENT DATA

a. <u>Drainage Area</u> - The drainage area consists of 24.2 square miles of relatively undeveloped, rolling terrain, of which 17.2 square miles drains to upstream reservoirs. Dams controlling drainage to Stillwater Pond are North Pond Dam, Reuben Hart Dam and Hall Meadow Brook Dam.

| b. Discharge at | Damsite |
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| 1. Outlet Works (conduits):             | 30" diameter - Invert |
|---|-----------------------|
| , | Elevation Not Known   |
|   | 6" diameter - Invert  |
|   | Elevation Not Known   |
|   | 16" diameter - Invert |
|   | Elevation Not Known   |

- 2. Maximum known flood at damsite: 11,900 cfs (Aug 1955)
- 3. Ungated spillway capacity @ top of dam elevation 743.0: 16,000 cfs.
- 4. Ungated spillway capacity @ test flood elevation 743.5: 17,600 cfs.
- 5. Gated spillway capacity
  6 normal pool elevation: N/A
- 6. Gated spillway capacity e test flood elevation: N/A
- 7. Total spillway capacity e test flood elevation 743.5: N/A
- 8. Total project discharge e test flood elevation 743.5: 19,800 cfs.
- c. Elevations (Feet Above Mean Sea Level)
- 1. Streambed at centerline of dam: 708.0
- 2. Maximum tailwater @ 16,000 cfs: 716.0
- 3. Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: N/A
- 4. Recreation pool: 735.0
- 5. Full flood control pool (no freeboard): N/A
- 6. Spillway crest: 735.0
- 7. Design surcharge (original design): N/A
- 8. Top of dam: 743.0
- 9. Test flood design surcharge: 743.5

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1. Length of maximum pool: 8,300 ft.

2. Length of recreation pool: 6,500 ft.

3. Length of flood control pool: N/A

#### e. Storage

1. Recreation pool: 1,100 acre-ft.

2. Flood control pool: N/A

3. Spillway crest pool: 1,100 acre-ft.

4. Top of dam: 2,050 acre-ft.

5. Test flood Pool: 2,115 acre-ft.

#### f. Reservoir Surface

1. Recreation pool: 95 acres

2. Flood control pool: N/A

3. Spillway crest: 95 acres

4. Top of dam: 130 acres

5. Test flood pool: N/A

g. Dam

1. Type: Earth embankment,

concrete corewall, concrete spillway

2. Length: 443 ft.

3. Height: 35 ft.

4. Top width: 15 ft.

5. Side slopes: 2H to 1V (Upstream)

2H to 1V (Downstream)

6. Zoning: N/A

7. Impervious Core: Concrete Corewall

8. Cutoff: N/A

9. Grout curtain: N/A 10: Other: N/A h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel N/A i. Spillway 1. Type: Compound 2. Length of weir (1979 Survey) 193 ft. 3. Crest elevation: 735 4. Gates: None 5. Upstream Channel: Lake bottom 6. Downstream Channel: Exposed bedrock with mortared riprap sideslope at right side, concrete training wall at left side j. Regulating Outlets 1. Invert: N/A 2. Size: 30" diameter, 6" diameter 16" diameter 3. Description: Cast iron pipe Valves in outlet 4. Control Mechanism: structure

N/A

5. Other:

#### SECTION 2: ENGINEERING DATA

#### 2.1 DESIGN

- a. Available Data The available data consists of Water Resources Inventory of Connecticut, Part 5, Lower Housatonic River Basin, 1974; Feasibility Study, Acquisition of Stillwater Pond, Torrington, by Connecticut DEP, 1975; Report on Brass Mill Dam on Naugatuck River by Henry H. Werner, 1975; inspection report by A.J. Macchi, 1962; inspection report by V.B. Clarke, Member, State Board of Supervision of Dams, 1955; and plans (3 sheets) entitled "Plans of Coe Brass Co. Dam, Torrington, Conn." May 1906.
- b. Design Features The plans dated 1906 indicate the design features previously stated.
- c. <u>Design Data</u> There are no engineering values, assumptions, test results or calculations available for the original construction and there does not appear to have been any subsequent construction.

#### 2.2 Construction

- a. Available Data No information was available.
- b. <u>Construction Considerations</u> No information was available.

#### 2.3 OPERATIONS

No formal operating records are known to exist, and reservoir level readings are not taken. To our knowledge the spillway capacity has never been exceeded nor has the dam been overtopped.

#### 2.4 EVALUATION

- a. Availability Existing data was provided by the owner, Connecticut DEP, and Henry H. Werner, Consulting Engineer. The owner made the operations available for visual inspection.
- b. Adequacy The limited amount of detailed engineering data available was generally inadequate to perform an in-depth assessment of the dam, therefore, the final assessment of this dam must be based primarily on visual inspection, performance history, hydraulics computations of spillway capacity and approximate hydrologic judgements.
- c. Validity A comparison of records data and visual observation reveals no observable significant discrepencies in the record data except that the length of the spillway on the 1906 plans scales 220 feet but our measurement of the spillway indicates it to be 193 feet long.

SECTION 3: VISUAL INSPECTION

#### 3.1 FINDINGS

a. General - The general condition of the dam is fair. The inspection revealed areas of the dam requiring maintenance; in particular the spalling on the top face of the upstream training wall (Photo 7), the spalling on the downstream face of the spillway (Photo 1), and the brush and tree growth on the earth embankment (Photos 2, 4, 5 and 8). At the time of our inspection there were approximately 2 inches of water flowing over the spillway (Photos 2 and 3).

#### b. Dam

Crest - The crest of the dam is covered by an extensive growth of brush and small trees and is used as a foot path (Photo 4).

Downstream Slope - The downstream slope is covered by an extensive growth of brush, small trees and tree stumps. There are many large trees at the toe of the slope (Photo 2).

Upstream Slope - The upstream slope is covered with riprap to within 4 feet of the crest. The riprap is in good condition except for brush growing between the rocks (Photo 8).

Spillway - The spillway section consists of upstream and downstream training walls which separate the spillway from the earth embankment (Photo 2). The concrete spillway (Photos 1, 2 and 3) is 193 feet long and has a cross section as shown on Sheet B-1. A large portion of the downstream face of the spillway is severely spalled exposing reinforcing bars and wire mesh. An approximately 1 square foot area has been eroded to a depth of several inches. The upper portion of the top face of the upstream training wall is severely spalled (Photo 7). There is some seepage through the face of the downstream training wall with efflorescence visible (Photo 2).

Appurtenant Structures - Except for the upper portion which was visible above the water line, it was not practical to inspect the outlet structure. There is some severe spalling and numerous cracks in the concrete (Photo 7). The brick gatehouse which sits on top of the outlet structure is in disrepair from vandalism and lack of maintenance (Photo 6). The plans indicate 3 low level outlet pipes from the base of the outlet structure which discharge into the downstream channel through the downstream training wall. The 6 inch diameter outlet pipe is not visible but the outlets of the 16 inch diameter and 30 inch diameter were examined and found to be cast iron and in good condition. The control valves on these pipes were not visible but the 16 inch and 30 inch valves were opened from the operating mechanisms (Photo 6) in the gatehouse. The 6 inch valve would not open.

- d. Reservoir Area The area around the reservoir is undeveloped except for Route 272 along the western edge and four houses on the reservoir side of Route 272.
- e. Downstream Channel The spillway channel is broad, gravel bottomed and steep sided (Photo 5). The left side is partially protected by mortared riprap and an old stone abutment; the right side is protected by mortared riprap (Photo 3), exposed bedrock, and large randomly placed riprap (Photo 5). Approximately 200 feet downstream of the dam, Brass Mill Dam Road crosses the river on a single span concrete and steel beam bridge (Photo 5).

#### 3.2 EVALUATION

Based on the visual inspection it is possible to assess the dam as being in fair condition. The following conditions which could influence the future condition and/or stability of the dam were identified:

- Spalling of concrete on the downstream face of the spillway exposing reinforcing bars and wire mesh.
- Spalling of concrete on the top face of the upstream training wall, and cracks and spalling on the exposed portion of the outlet structure.
- 3. Extensive tree and brush growth on the slopes and crest of the earth embankment. There are also tree stumps on the left end of the upstream slope.
- 4. Disrepair of the gate house and security fence.

#### SECTION 4: OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

#### 4.1 REGULATING PROCEDURES

The owner stated that he opens the 16 inch diameter low level outlet about 3 turns during the dry summer months.

#### 4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

In recent years, it appears that maintenance is rarely, if ever, done on the dam and no periodic inspection schedule is in effect.

#### 4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

It appears that maintenance is rarely if ever done on the operating facilities and no periodic inspection schedule is in effect.

#### 4.4 DESCRIPTION OF ANY FORMAL WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

No formal warning system is in effect.

#### 4.5 EVALUATION

Operation and maintenance procedures, except for opening one outlet during dry periods, do not exist. A formal program of operation and maintenance procedures should be implemented, including documentation to provide complete records for future reference. Also, a formal warning system should be developed and implemented within the time frame indicated in Section 7.1c. Remedial operation and maintenance recommendations are presented in Section 7.

#### SECTION 5: HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

#### 5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

- a. General The project is basically a low storage high spillage type project where the reservoir area is less than 1% of the drainage area. The peak outflow analysis includes the assumption that Route 272 is overtopped approximately 1,100 feet upstream of the dam when the water level reaches El. 740.0. The spillway crest is 8 feet below the dam crest but only 5 feet below a portion of Rt. 272 which runs along the west side of the pond.
- b. Design Data No computations could be found for the original dam construction.
- c. Experience Data No information on serious problem situations arising at the dam was found and it does not appear that the dam has been overtopped. It has been reported that during the 1955 floods the water level was within one foot of the top of the dam. If this is correct, the height of water over the spillway was 7 feet and the depth of water flowing over Route 272 was 2 feet.
- d. <u>Visual Observations</u> The bridge immediately downstream of the dam which replaces a bridge washed away in 1955 is a constriction in the channel but is not likely to affect flow from the spillway.
- e. Test Flood Analysis The test flood for this high hazard, intermediate size dam is equivalent to the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Peak inflows to the reservoir are considerably reduced by the Hall Meadow Brook Flood Control Dam and by North Pond Dam and Reuben Hart Dam. Based upon "Preliminary Guidance for Estimating Maximum Probable Discharges", dated March, 1978, and considering the flood retarding effect of the upstream reservoirs, peak inflow to the reservoir is 20,400 cfs (Appendix D-6); peak outflow is 19,800 cfs with the dam overtopped 0.5 feet and the road (Route 272) overtopped by 3.5 feet (Appendix D-12). Based upon our hydraulics computations, the spillway capacity with no freeboard is 16,000 cfs, which is approximately 81% of the routed test flood outflow at the top of dam, elevation 743.0.

Just before Route 272 is overtopped the spillway capacity is 7,800 cfs (39% of the test flood outflow). We estimate that the spillage over Route 272 (1,500 cfs) plus flow over the spillway (16,000 cfs) totals 17,500 cfs just prior to the dam being overtopped. This is 88% of the test flood outflow.

The one-half PMF peak inflow is 5,700 cfs (D-6) and peak outflow is 5,500 cfs (D-13) with the dam maintaining 3.9 feet of freeboard (D-14).

f. Dam Failure Analysis - Utilizing the April, 1978, "Rule of Thumb Guidance for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs", the peak failure outflow from the dam breaching would be 51,000 cubic feet per second. A breach of the dam would result in a rise of 6 feet in the water level of the stream at the initial impact area, which corresponds to an increase in the water level from a depth of 9 feet above the normal water surface just before the breach, to a depth of 15 feet above the normal water surface just after the breach. The rapid 6 foot increase in the water level at the initial impact area would inundate (5 feet above foundation sills) two houses.

#### SECTION 6: STRUCTURAL STABILITY

#### 6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u> There was no evidence of immediate structural instability. There is considerable spalling, minor efflorescence, and minor surface cracking, but these do not indicate any instability.
- b. <u>Design and Construction Data</u> There is no design and construction data available for this dam, therefore it was not possible to perform an in-depth assessment of the structural stability of the dam.
  - c. Operating Records There are no operating records.
- d. <u>Post Construction Changes</u> No post construction changes are evident.
- e. <u>Seismic Stability</u> The dam is in Seismic Zone l and according to the Recommended Guidelines, need not be evaluated for seismic stability.

#### SECTION 7: ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### 7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

a. Condition - Based upon the visual inspection of the site and its past performance, the dam appears to be in fair condition. No evidence of structural instability was observed in the dam or its components. The embankment is generally in fair condition. There are some areas requiring attention, such as project discharge capacity, spalled concrete, disrepair of gatehouse and security fence, and tree and brush growth on slopes and crest of the embankment.

Based upon "Preliminary Guidance for Estimating Maximum Probable Discharges" dated March, 1978 and other computations included in this report, peak inflow to the reservoir is 20,400 cubic feet per second; peak outflow is 19,800 cubic feet per second with the dam overtopped by 0.5 feet and Route 272 overtopped by 3.5 feet. Based upon our hydraulics computations, the spillway capacity with no freeboard is 16,000 cubic feet per second, which is equivalent to approximately 81% of the routed test flood outflow.

- b. Adequacy of Information The information available is such that an assessment of the condition and stability of the dam must be based on visual inspection, past performance of the dam, and sound engineering judgement.
- c. <u>Urgency</u> It is recommended that the measures presented in Section 7.2 and 7.3 be implemented within one year of the owner's receipt of this report.
- d. Need for Additional Information There is a need for more information as recommended in Section 7.2.

#### 7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is recommended that futher studies be made by a registered professional engineer qualified in dam design and inspection pertaining to the following:
  - 1. More sophisticated flood routing should be undertaken to refine the test flood figures and to more accurately determine the spillway adequacy and potential for overtopping. Recommendations based upon this study should be made by the engineer and implemented by the owner. The study should also include potential damage to Route 272 resulting from overtopping and an investigation of potential downstream damage on the west side of Route 272.

- Repairs to spalled concrete on the downstream face of the spillway. Special attention is required to this repair because of depth of the spalling and possibility that repairs to the reinforcement may be required.
- Removal of tree growth, brush and stumps from the slopes and crest of the embankment, filling and compacting the resulting voids, and applying an appropriate ground cover.
- 4. Conducting a thorough inspection of those portions of the dam which were not visible at the time of inspection, including the upstream face of the spillway, the interior and exterior of the outlet structure, the gate valves on the low level outlets, and the bar screens on the outlet structure windows.

#### 7.3 REMEDIAL MEASURES

- a. Operation and Maintenance Procedures The following measures should be undertaken by the owner within the time frame indicated in Section 7.1c, and continued on a regular basis.
  - Round-the-clock surveillance should be provided during periods of unusually heavy precipitation. The owner should develop a formal warning system with local officials for alerting downstream residents in case of an emergency.
  - 2. A formal program of operation and maintenance procedures should be instituted and fully documented to provide accurate records for future reference.
  - 3. A program of inspection by a registered professional engineer qualified in dam inspection should be instituted on an annual basis. The inspections should be comprehensive and should include the operation of the low level outlet works. Particular attention should be given to inspecting those portions of the dam which were not visible at the time of inspection.
  - 4. Spalled concrete on the top face of the upstream training wall should be repaired.
  - 5. Repairs should be made to the gatehouse and security fence.

#### 7.4 ALTERNATIVES

This study has identified no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

APPENDIX A
INSPECTION CHECKLIST

### VISUAL INSPECTION CHECK LIST PARTY ORGANIZATION

| PROJECT Stillwater Pond | Dam       | DATE: Mo   | <sub>(√</sub> 3, 1975 | <u> </u>    |
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|                         |           | W.S. ELEV. | 735. <u>2</u> U.S     | 5DN.S       |
| PARTY:                  | INITIALS: |            | DISCIPL               | INE:        |
| 1. Peter Heynen         | PH PH     |            | Cahn                  | Engineers   |
| 2. George Stephens      | લક        |            | Cahn                  | Engineers   |
| 3. Miron Pctrovsky      | MP        |            | cann                  | Enginecic   |
| 4. Mostie Norman        | MAI       |            | Cann                  | Engincers   |
| 5                       |           |            |                       |             |
| 6                       |           |            |                       |             |
| PROJECT FEATURE         |           | INSPECTED  | BY                    | REMARKS     |
| 1. Law Embankment       |           |            |                       |             |
| 2. Intak Structure      |           |            |                       |             |
| 3. Training Walls and C | hannel    |            |                       |             |
| 4. Gate House           |           |            |                       |             |
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#### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

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PROJECT Stillwater Pond Dam

DATE 5/3/79

PROJECT FEATURE Dam Embankment BY

| AREA EVALUATED  | CONDITION   |
|---|---|
| DAM EMBANKMENT  |   |
| Crest Elevation                                       | 743.0   |
| Current Pool Elevation                                | 735.0   |
| Maximum Impoundment to Date                           | Not known   |
| Surface Cracks  | Nonc Observed   |
| Pavement Condition                                    | N/A   |
| Movement or Settlement of Crest                       | None Observed   |
| Lateral Movement                                      | None Observaci  |
| Vertical Alignment                                    | Good  |
| Horizontal Alignment                                  | Good  |
| Condition at Abutment and at Concrete<br>Structures   | Minor Erosian Duc To Tresspassing<br>Adjacent To Training Walls |
| Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes | N/A   |
| Trespassing on Slopes                                 | Foot Path Adjacers to Transla Wall                              |
| Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments           | None Observed Except As Noted Above                             |
| Rock Slope Protection-Riprap Failures                 | None Observed   |
| Unusual Movement or Cracking at or<br>Near Toes       | Noise Observed  |
| Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage              | None Observed   |
| Piping or Boils                                       | None Observed   |
| Foundation Drainage Features                          | Hone known  |
| Toe Drains  | None Know.  |
| Instrumentation System                                | None  |

|     | PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST Page A-3       |     |                                     |  |  |  |
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|     | PROJECT Sale Pond Dan                         |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | PROJECT FEATURE Intrace                       | Aru | Character BY                        |  |  |  |
|     | AREA EVALUATED                                |     | CONDITION                           |  |  |  |
| OUT | LET WORKS-INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE |     |                                     |  |  |  |
| a)  | Approach Channel                              |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Slope Conditions                              |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Bottom Conditions                             |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Rock Slides or Falls                          |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Log Boom                                      | į   |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Debris  |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Condition of Concrete Lining                  |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Drains or Weep Holes                          |     |                                     |  |  |  |
| b)  | Intake Structure                              |     |                                     |  |  |  |
|     | Condition of Concrete                         |     | Some Deterioration Above Water Line |  |  |  |
|     | Stop Logs and Slots                           |     | Not Observed                        |  |  |  |
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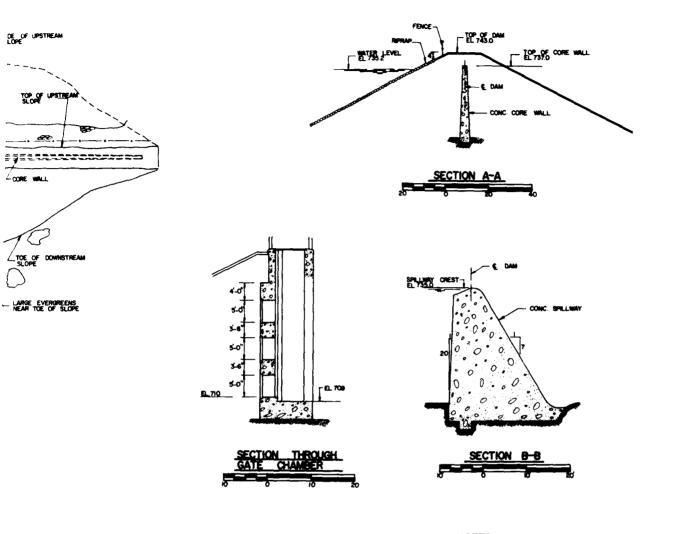
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|                                      | PROJECT The Alex Pond Dair               | 1_ | DATE 5/3: 79  |  |
|                                      | PROJECT FEATURE Training Wals            | /, | d Channel BY  |  |
|                                      |  |    |   |  |
|                                      | AREA EVALUATED                           |    | CONDITION   |  |
| OUTLET WORKS-SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH |  |    |   |  |
|                                      | AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS                   |    |   |  |
| a)                                   | Approach Channel                         |    | No channel - Lake Bottom  |  |
|                                      | General Condition                        |    |   |  |
|                                      | Loose Rock Overhanging Channel           |    |   |  |
|                                      | Trees Overhanging Channel                |    |   |  |
|                                      | Floor of Approach Channel                |    |   |  |
| b)                                   | Weir and Training Walls                  |    |   |  |
|                                      | General Condition of Concrete            |    | á∞d   |  |
|                                      | Rust or Staining                         |    | Rust From Past on Down strong   |  |
|                                      | Spalling                                 |    | consider on Distance of Wein  |  |
|                                      | Any Visible Reinforcing                  |    | Source on Top Surface of upper<br>Portion of U/S Training Wall<br>None obserted |  |
|                                      | Any Seepage of Efflorescence             |    | Some On Face of D/S Training Was  |  |
|                                      | Drain Holes                              |    | None Observed   |  |
| c)                                   | Discharge Channel                        |    |   |  |
|                                      | General Condition                        |    | Good  |  |
|                                      | Loose Rock Overhanging Channel           |    | None Obserted   |  |
|                                      | Trees Overhanging Channel                |    | tomo-small-roll lides   |  |
|                                      | Floor of Channel                         |    | Exhaused Bedrock And Loose Stones   |  |
|                                      | Other Obstructions                       |    | None  |  |
|                                      |  |    |   |  |
|                                      |  |    | ·   |  |
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#### PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST Page A-5 DATE 5/3/19 PROJECT Still water Povid Dum PROJECT FEATURE Gate House And Outlet Pipes BY . CONDITION AREA EVALUATED OUTLET WORKS-OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL Fair General Condition of Concrete None Observed Rust or Staining some on upstream face Spalling Erosion or Cavitation None Observed Visible Reinforcing None Observed None Observed Any Seepage or Efflorescence Condition at Joints Good None Observed Drain Holes Channel Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel 30" And 16" O CI Outlet pipes Condition of Discharge Channel Appeared in Good Londition at Training Wall Dutlet

## APPENDIX B ENGINEERING DATA AND CORRESPONDENCE



#### NOTES

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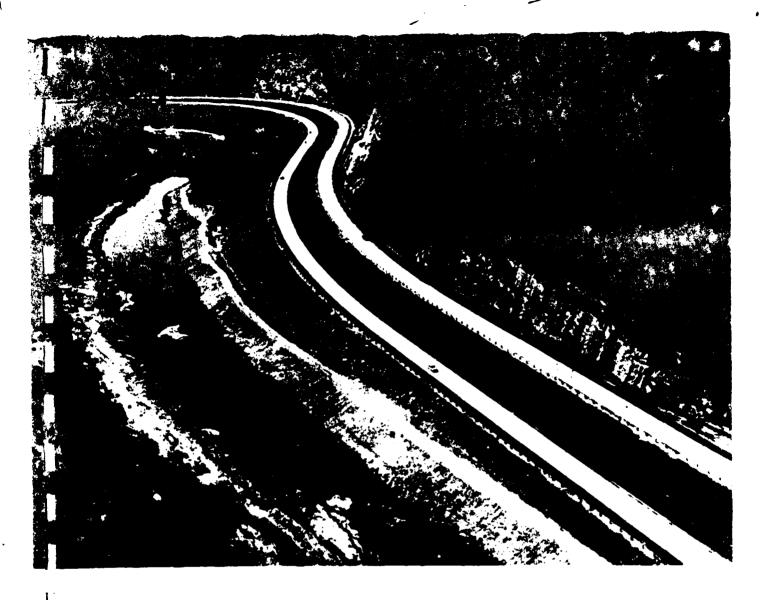
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# SUMMARY OF DATA AND CORRESPONDENCE

| PAGE              | 51                             | FROM                           | SUBJECT   |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1974              |                                | Wilson, Burke<br>Thomas, USGS  | Water Resources Inventory<br>of Connecticut - Part 5 -<br>Lower Housatantic River basin |
| Sept. 19,<br>1963 |                                | Water Resources<br>Commission  | Inventorv Data  |
| Jan. 15,<br>1975  | Members of<br>General Assembly | Conn. DEP<br>Douglas M. Costle | Report on Acquisition of<br>Stillwater Pond   |
| June 1 ,<br>1979  | Harold Schwartz                | Cahn Engineers                 | Certificate of Insurance<br>with copy   |
| June 2,<br>1979   | Cahn Engineers                 | Henry H. Werner                | Photos, Plat Plan and Con-<br>tour map of Stillwater Dam                                |
| Aug. 11,<br>1975  |                                | Henry H. Werner                | Report on Dam   |
| Oct. 25,<br>1974  | E. Zell Steever                | Robert E. Sonnichsen           | Interdepart. Memo on Still-<br>water Dam (Water & Related<br>Resources) State of Conn.  |
| June 8,<br>1962   | State of Conn.                 | A. J. Macchi                   | Inspection of Dam   |
| June 6,<br>1962   | John A. Macchi                 | Emitt A. Dell                  | Request to Inspect Dam  |
| June 5,<br>1962   | William S. Wise                | George C. Hancock              | Request to Inspect Dam  |
| April 3,<br>1962  | George Hancock                 | J. C. Rowell                   | Sale of Stillwater Pond<br>and surrounding Acreage                                      |
| April 3,<br>1962  | William S. Wise                | J. C. Rowell                   | Sale of Stillwater Pond   |
|                   |                                |                                |   |

| Nov.<br>1961  | 2,    | William S. Wise                         | J. C. Rowell    | Sale of Stillwater Pond                                |
|---------------|-------|---|-----------------|--|
| Sept.         | . 1,  | Anaconda American<br>Brass Company      | William S. Wise | Future Ownership and Main-<br>tenance of Dam           |
| Aug.<br>1961  | 22,   | William S. Wise                         | Chester Moore   | Future Ownership and Main-<br>tenance of Dam           |
| Oct.<br>1955  | 4,    | American Brass<br>Company               | V. B. Clarke    | Inspection of Dam                                      |
| Oct.<br>1955  | 4     | American Brass<br>Company               | V. B. Clarke    | Inspection of Dam                                      |
| Sept.<br>1955 | . 24, | John J. Curry                           | V. B. Clarke    | Inspection of Church St.<br>Dam and Stillwater Dam     |
| Jan.<br>1952  | 21,   | John Cook                               | Richard Martin  | Stillwater Dam   |
| Jan.<br>1952  | 17,   | Richard Martin                          | V. B. Clarke    | Dam in Torrington                                      |
| Jan.<br>1952  | 16,   | John Cook                               | Richard Martin  | Stillwater Dam   |
| Jan.<br>1952  | 11,   | Mr. Martin                              | John Curry      | Stillwater Dam   |
| Jan.<br>1952  | 10,   | State Board for the Supervision of Dams | Greene & Cook   | Request for information on permit of dam at Stillwater |

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# LOWER HOUSATONIC RIVER BASIN

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period are given in table 2. Ine data in table 1 can be used to construct low-flow frequency curves, such as that for Pomperaug River at Southbury, shown on figure 13. The duration curve and the low-flow frequency curve are related, and the average duration at indicated flow frequencies for long-term gaging stations in the lower Housatonic River basin is given in table 3. For example, the average duration of the 7-day annual minimum flow for the 10-year recurrence interval (plotted on plate B) is 99 percent. That is, the 10-year recurrence interval flow may be expected to be equalled or exceeded 99 percent of the time. The lowest daily discharge at 11 stream-gaging stations in the basin that was not exceeded during six different periods ranging in length from 1 to 120 consecutive days is shown in table 4.

Table 3.--Average duration of annual low flows of streams

(For reference period April 1930 to March 1960)

| Period of low flow Consecutive 2 5 days months median year | 10 20 31<br>driest |
|--|--------------------|
|  | year year          |
| Pe   | reent of time      |
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| 30 l 90 96   | 98 99 99           |
| 60 2 85 93   | <b>96 98</b> 98    |
| 120 4 74 87  | 92 95 96           |
| 183 6 64 77  | 84 89 91           |
| 274 9 45 62  | 68 71 74           |
| 365 12   | 59                 |
| - 18   | 51                 |
| - 24   | 48                 |
| - 36   | 43                 |
| . 60   | • - 39             |
| - 120  | 35                 |
| - 180  | 34                 |
| - 360  | 32                 |

<sup>//</sup> Average of percentages determined from low flow frequency-duration relations at continuous-record gaging stations in or near the basin.

#### STORAGE OF WATER IN LAKES AND RESERVO

The largest of the many lakes, ponds, and res voirs in the lower Housatonic River basin is Thomaston Reservoir, with a surface area of 950 acres at spillway level and a usable capacity of 13,690 million gallons. Table 5 presents information on the more important surface-water bodies within the basin; additional information on the public supply reservoirs is given in table 28. About two-thirds of the lakes, ponds, and reservoirs listed in table 5 have usable storage (water that may be withdrawn by gravity through a valve or gate). Table 6 lists the maximum safe draft obtainable from some of these surface-water bodies at rates that would permit refilling within each year of the reference period. Maximum draft rates are given for years with low-flow conditions at the 10-year and 20-year recurrence intervals. The draft rates are given as annual average flow: for shorter periods of use, they may be increased correspondingly.

Low-flow frequency data for streams at the outlet of each of these reservoirs are presented on plate 8. Methods of estimating draft rates and storage required are described in the followin section.

Estimating the amount of storage needed

If the minimum flow of a stream is insufficient to meet needs, the stream may need to be dammed and the stored water released as needed to maintain the desired flow during low-flow periods. Table 7 lists the various amounts of storage required to maintain selected rates of flow at the listed gaging stations for 10- and 20-year recurrence intervals of annual lowest mean flow in the reference period. The figures for storage required are in percentage of mean annual volume of streamflow, and selected flows to be maintained are in percentage of mean annual flow, so that the table may be used for other sites along the same stream. The figures for the Naugatuck and Housatonic Rivers have been adjusted

Table 4.--Lowest daily discharge not exceeded during indicated number of consecutive days at selected streamgaging stations and year of occurrence

(For years beginning April 1 and periods of record ending March 1968)

|    |               |   |                             | -            | _         | •                     | -        |                 |       |          |      | •     |             | ,    |             |          |              |     |          |
|----|---------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|------|-------|-------------|------|-------------|----------|--------------|-----|----------|
|    | Inde<br>(0.0) | Stram-apping station                      | Proteogo<br>pres<br>(sq st) | Record books | (efe) (m  | pd per<br>se al) Tebr | (471)    | per<br>al) Year | (4%)  | Sept 201 |      | (cfs) | POT (01)    | 7007 | (4<br>(cfs) | tops per | Year         |     | Cape per |
|    | 1880          | Burlingsun Grann neuer Guetlagten &       |                             | Smt. 1931    | 0.56 0.0  |                       | 0.96 0.0 |                 | سنسنه | 6.092    | 1986 |       | 0.19        | 1991 |             | 0.23     | 1965         | _   | 0.44     |
| ı  | 3000          | Ausparaug Alvor 41 Southbury              | 75.3                        | June 1952    | 3.3 .0    | e00 1906              | 5-7 .0   | Mg 1900<br>1900 | 6.1   | .000     | 1984 | 11    | . <b>#</b>  | 1964 | 14          | .12      | 1953         | 24  | .21      |
|    | 2000          | Copper Still Bresh near Mannes            | 2.50                        | June 1998    | .04 .0    | 910 1 <b>90</b> 6     | .06 .0   | 1986            | . 00  | .003     | 1986 | .10   | .⊶          | 1966 | . 18        | .44      | 1966         | 1,6 | .NI      |
|    | 2095          | Mountains Siver of Stoutson               | 1,545                       | Aug. 1986    | <b>16</b> | 1990                  | 100 .0   | 1980            | ***   | .10      | 1986 | 698   | .10         | 1957 | 755         | . 37     | 1964         | 869 | . 36     |
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| 2056.2   | Park Pond at Winchester                      | **     |           | .50         | 76.7    | 1,135                | 15   | 10.6        | 265    | -      | •              | Recreetion                  |
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| 2084.6   | -016 Nougetuck Reservoir Meer Streitzwille   | •      | A         | 2.45        | 33.0    | 630                  |      | 31.2        | 335    | -      | •              | Public water supply         |
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| 2068,1   | Trap Falls Reservalr mear Huntington         | A      |           | 1.09        | 344     | 315                  | -    | 22.0        | 2,464  | 2,464  | 450            | Public water supply         |
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#### FLOODS History

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARIMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

STATE OFFICE BUILDING

HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06115

DOUGLAS M. COSTLE COMMISSIONER January 15, 1975

#### MEMORANDUM

TO:

ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FROM:

DOUGLAS M. COSTLE, COMMISSIONER

It is a pleasure to submit for your consideration a report concerning acquisition of Stillwater Pond in the City of Torrington.

This report was prepared by the Department of Environmental Protection under direction of Special Act No. 74-101.

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#### FEASIBILITY STUDY

#### ACQUISITION OF STILLWATER POND

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#### INTRODUCTION

Special Act No. 74-101, approved May 28, 1974, directed the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to undertake a feasibility study of the acquisition of Stillwater Pond in the City of Torrington, formerly the property of Anaconda-American Brass Company, and such land immediately adjacent thereto as may be needed to provide an area for the establishment of a State Park or to be made available to the public as open space for recreation. (Exhibit I)

This report is the result of an intra-department study conducted by Department of Environmental Protection staff members.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS**

Location and Topography

Naugatuck River at the Drakesville Section of Torrington. The area is typical of the western uplands of Connecticut which may be described as irregular and hilly. Stillwater Pond, itself, lies in a steep sided, narrow valley, with both valley walls rising more than 200 feet above the elevation of the water's surface at a slope of more than 20%. As a consequence, any development taking place on either side of the valley will be entirely visible from the other side. Although the pond is close to metropolitan Torrington, the lake valley is still largely undisturbed with the exception of the residential development on the west side of the pond and upstream. Exhibit II illustrates the area studied. The pond and adjacent land immediately surrounding the pond consists of approximately 250 acres east of Route 272 and north of Brass Mill Dam Road in Torrington.

The pond has a surface area of apppreximately 95 acres with a drainage area of 24.4 square miles. Maximum water depth is 26 feet with an average of 11.7 feet. As stated before, this impoundment was created by the daming of the West Branch of the Naugatuck River. Other feeder streams which are directly involved include a branch of Marshall Lake Brook and an unnamed stream which originates in the wetland to the east of Hall Meadow Brook near the Winchester Town line.

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Surface Water Flow

Surface water flow for the West Branch of the Naugatuck is monitored at Torrington, 3 miles downstream from Stillwater Pond and gives some indication of the flow regime for the pond. The records are available on an annual basis in the publication "Water Resources for Connecticut," published by the Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior. The average discharge over a 17-year period of record for this station is 52.4 c.f.s.

Maximum discharge for the period of record was 3,600 c.f.s. on September 12, 1960. A minimum daily discharge for the period of record of 0.3 c.f.s. was recorded on September 1, 1968. For the 1973 calendar year mean discharge at the Torrington station was 108 c.f.s. The maximum was 710 c.f.s. and the minimum 6.0 c.f.s. Again this is only an indication of the expected flows at Stillwater Pond as the drainage area for the Torrington gaging station is 33.7 square miles, 9.3 square miles greater than the watershed at Stillwater Pond.

#### Water Quality

The present and anticipated water quality for the West Branch of the Naugatuck River at Stillwater Pond is Class A which is suitable for all purposes including water supply.

#### Bedrock Geology

The bedrock underlying the Stillwater Pond area is the Waramaug Formation, a metasedimentary biotite gneiss. This information has its northeastern terminus approximately 1 mile from the pond and continues in a six-mile band to the south of New Milford.

A possible fault has been identified on the eastern valley wall between Brass Mill Dam Road on the south and Marshall Lake Brook on the north.

#### Surficial Geology

The unconsolidated materials on both the east and west sides of the pond consist primarily of till. A large number of bedrock outcrops and boulders are present on the east side. At the northern end of the pond and along the western shore are areas of ice contact stratified drift, undivided, which have been identified. This same deposit is also present on the southeastern shore.

To the north of the pond alluvium and alluvial fan deposits are present.

The area's predominant soils with their urban designation as described in the Soil Survey of Litchfield County, Connecticut are listed below.

- CrC Charlton very stony fine sandy loam, 3-15% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-lc, Urban Group 4
- CrD Charlton very stony fine sandy loam, 15-35% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-1c, Urban Group 7
- ChB Charlton stony fine sandy loam, 3-8% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-la, Urban Group 3
- ChC Charlton stony fine sandy loam, 8-15% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-1b, Urban Group 4
- ChD Charlton stony fine sandy loam, 15-25% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-1d, Urban Group 7
- SwB Sutton stony fine sandy loam, 3-8% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-2a, Urban Group 8
- SxC Sutton very stony fine sandy loam, 3-15% slopes, Natural Soils Group B-2b, Urban Group 8
- MyB Merrimac sandy loam, 3-8% slopes, Natural Soils Group A-ld, Urban Group 1
- Am Alluvial land Natural Soils Group\_E-3a, Urban Group 13
- Lg Leicester-Ridgebury and Whitman very stony fine sandy loam, Natural Soils Group B-3b, Urban Group 11
- Tg Terrace escarpments
  Natural Soils Group A-1c, Urban Group 7

The Dam

The Stillwater Pond Dam has a concrete spillway crest approximately 100 feet long, founded on ledge. The dike section of the dam is earth approximately 250 feet long also tied into ledge at the eastern abutment. The downstream slope of the earthen dike is quite steep, but shows no signs of seepage or deterioration.

The concrete spillway and wing walls appear to be in acceptable condition, with only slight spalling and wear showing along the face of the spillway. A photograph taken in 1963 shows that at that time the spillway condition was similar to its condition at the present time and that deterioration has been very slow.

The draw down gate house was locked on the day of inspection making examination of the equipment impossible. The house itself is in good condition, however, indicating that the equipment has been protected.

The overall condition of the dam is very good, with no necessary repairs foreseen in the immediate future.

Since the foundation of the dam is tied to ledge, the earthen slopes showed no signs of seepage, and the concrete work was in good condition.

The structure is considered stable.

Municipal Plans and Study

The Torrington Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1968 and amended in 1974 indicates future land use proposals for the Stillwater Pond Area.

The west side of the pond as indicated on Exhibit III is designated residential medium density (2-4 units/acre); the east side of the pond is designated residential low density (0-1 unit/acre).

There were no proposals made for City or State acquisition and/or development of Stillwater Pond as a recreational facility.

#### Municipal Plans and Studies - Continued

A consultant study, done for the Torrington Conservation Commission 1970, strongly recommends the Stillwater Pond area be designated as Open Space as well as a Wildlife Sanctuary. It further recommends the area for a municipal public recreation area including swimming, picnicking, camping, hiking, trail and boating areas. Specific reasons for conversion to a park include:

- A. Torrington's Recreational Land Deficiencies (147 acres in 1970)
- B. The cost of development in terms of services provided would be greater to the City than City purchase of the land.
- C. Preservation would provide fire, water and health protection for the City.
- D. Water from the Pond could be a source of low flow augmentation needed in times of drought.
- E. The Pond would be used as a future water supply source for the City.
- F. The Pond, if properly regulated at its discharge point, could be a flood protection/retardation mechanism.

#### Regional Reports and Studies

The Litchfield Hills Regional Planning Agency Open Space Study, defining areas suitable for public open space, gives the Stillwater Pond area a priority III ranking out of six priority categories based on the existence of steep slopes (15-35%) and shallow to bedrock features.

The Sewer, Water and Drainage Report considers the use of Stillwater Pond as a water supply reservoir doubtful but a possibility. A sanitary sewer extension is proposed which would extend a sewer line northward past the Pond on the west side. The area could thus be part of a future water supply service area.

#### Regional Reports and Studies - Continued

The water resources map indicates that an aquifer of unknown yield underlies the southern end of the Pond and extends southward into the City.

The aquifer area abutting the Pond would see extensive development, including buildings, pavement, etc., as proposed by a private development plan.

The Region's Preliminary Plan of Development shows the east side of Stillwater Pond as a low-moderate residential area of 1 to 4 acres per family.

At this time the Litchfield Hills Regional Planning Agency has set in motion on the Stillwater Pond Area an Environmental Impact Review.

In the State of Connecticut Plan of Conservation and Development, the Stillwater Pond area is shown on the "Land Use Policy Map" as an area proposed for permanent open space and on the "Water Use Policy Map" the area is shown as a limited use water body. The "Conservation Area Map" in this Plan shows the area bordering the western side of the Pond containing Route 272, a major access road, proposed for a scenic ridge/valley area.

In accordance with the Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act and its relation to Stillwater Pond, the Department of Environmental Protection is presently regulating the wetlands and water courses in Torrington. As a water course, Stillwater Pond is definitely a "regulated area" and any alteration of the pond or adjoining stream and wetlands is within Agency jurisdiction.

#### Private Plans

State Plan

The proposed development of 253 acres on the east side of Stillwater Pond will involve the construction of a condominium cluster consisting of 1,500 units to be used as a retirement and second-home complex.

The area proposed for development is currently zoned industrial due to the fact that, until sold in 1964, it was owned by the American Brass Company.

Application for a zone change to R-6 is expected to be acted upon soon.

#### **EVALUATION AND ANALYSIS**

In this feasibility study the physical characteristics of Stillwater

Pond and the immediately adjacent contiguous land were evaluated for potential recreational and open space use.

The obvious value of this area would be concentrated around Stillwater Pond itself for water based recreation. To properly develop this potential, however, requires a degree of relatively flat land suitable for the installation of support facilities and provisions for ancillary activities in the immediate proximity of the shoreline. Comparing this requirement with the ownership map of the area led to the conclusion that the property presently owned by the Stillwater Pond Corporation offered the only suitable land close enough to the water for those functions. The on-site investigation was therefore limited to this property.

Eighty-five percent of the east and west shorelines are too steep to allow any significant development. The western shore is also limited in width by the location of Route 272. The shoreline immediately northeast of the dam does have a desirable gradient for water access but contains a high water table and densely vegetated wetlands. The area southwest of the dam consisting of approximately 20 acres apparently offered the only site for parking and structures but was found to be prohibitive for these purposes. Although a topographic map shows gentle slopes, the actual configuration is comprised of abrupt undulations with vertical relief averaging six to ten feet.

Soils within the site proved to be another outstanding restriction. With the exception of two isolated pockets of sandy loam, the surface and subsoil of the entire site are saturated with glacial boulders ranging from one to ten feet in diameter.

Further site analysis is unjustified because the site cannot accommodate intensive outdoor recreation requiring support facilities.

The Stillwater Pond area is appropriately suited for open space and could provide for passive activities such as boating, fishing and hiking, especially with Stillwater Pond designated as a Class "A" - water resource.

The topography of surrounding land and the pond itself does not present any significant potential for extensive wildlife management. The island is heavily wooded and even if cleared, it would have only limited potential for Canada Goose management.

Although the property offers some forested land, forest management objectives should consider esthetic values which would further enhance the natural attractiveness of the water body itself other than the harvest of timber.

Stillwater Pond would provide significant sport fishing opportunities.

The pond has a surface area of 95 acres, a maximum depth of 26 feet and an average depth of 11.7 feet. It is virtually within the city limits of Torrington and is capable of providing considerable fishing for area and State residents.

While the pond is only marginal trout water, it is of good enough quality to warrant trout stocking. Reasonable plants of hatchery trout can provide 3,000 to 6,000 man days of trout fishing per year.

Public access would need to be provided on the west side of the pond probably a short distance upstream of the dam. A public boat launching facility at this point could provide 6,000 to 10,000 man days of fishing per year or 60 to 100 man days per acre per year. In order to provide this amount of sport fishing opportunity, it would be necessary to acquire the pond and a minimum of 150 acres of adjacent upland.

At the present time the future permitted uses on Stillwater Pond properties are in a state of flux because of proposed zone changes and private development plans. The development of reasonably accurate land values is difficult.

The property is presently zoned "Industry". Yet there is little or no industry in the area nor does there appear to be any demand for this use. There are no sewers available to the site, and therefore, its potential as an industrial site is limited. In all likelihood this zone classification was applied because, in the past, the land and water belonged to the American Brass Company.

The present owners requested a zone change from "Industry" to R-6 on July 23, 1974 and a hearing was held in the City of Torrington on October 9, 10, and 14, 1975. The owner's presented plans for 1500 high rise apartments with a year round resort environment. On January 8, 1975 this request was withdrawn by the owners before a decision by the Planning and Zoning Commission was reached. It is indicated that the owners are planning to resubmit the zone change request in two phases. Approval of the original request or similar request in two phases would have a great effect on property value. Recent sales of residential property in the general area indicate a range of \$2,000 to \$4,000 per acre for residentially zoned land. A potential buyer would likely buy the present property surrounding Stillwater Pond with anticipation of a zone change and pay somewhat less than residential values, perhaps in the range of \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre. The present value of the property as industrial land would likely be the same \$1,000 to \$2,000 per acre value as that to a potential buyer anticipating a zone change.

Any benefits attributed to the value of the dam, flowage rights and pond bottom add an increment of value to the adjacent upland. This would most likely be reflected however by a potential buyer paying approximately the same value per acre for pond bottom including the dam and flowage rights as a potential buyer would pay for the associated upland acreage.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The land area adjacent to Stillwater Pond will not support intensive outdoor recreation such as swimming, picnicking and camping at a level which would justify state acquisition and development. Proper space for necessary support facilities is lacking.

Minetto State Park is only a short distance north of Stillwater Pond.

Development monies would be better spent in improving and expanding these existing facilities than in developing a new recreation area.

Intensive recreational development is not feasible or warranted. Sport fishing, non-motorized boating and hiking appear to be the only feasible public uses. The provision of these recreational opportunities would require the acquisition of the entire pond (dam, flowage rights and pond bottom), a strip of land on the western shoreline between the high water mark and Route 272, including two acres for development of a public boat launch facility and about 150 acres on the eastern hillside from the high water mark to the top of the ridge for open space preservation and watershed protection.

A formal, professional property appraisal of fair market value would be necessary to determine the cost for acquisition of land in the Stillwater Pond area. Present circumstances and existing zoning indicate a \$250,000 acquisition cost for approximately 250 acres of land, including the dam site, flowage rights and pond bottom. Related acquisition costs for property survey, appraisal and legal fees, are estimated at \$25,000. Development costs, including engineering fees, for a boat launch facility would be approximately \$25,000 based on prevailing construction rates.

Total acquisition and development costs are estimated to be \$300,000 at current market levels.

#### Substitute House Bill No. 5158

SPECIAL ACT NO. 74-101

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF STILLWATER POND IN TORRINGTON BY THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and Bouse of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

The commissioner of environmental protection shall undertake a feasibility study of the acquisition of Stillwater Pond in the city of Torrington, formerly the property of Anacondanaerican Brass Company, and such land immediately adjacent thereto as may be needed to provide an area for the establishment of a state park or to be made available to the public as open space for recreation. Said commissioner shall report his recommendations to the general assembly not later

than January 15, 1975.

Clerk of the Senate.

Approved 5/28 1974.

Governor.

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# Cahn Engineers Inc.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS-COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANTS

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June 15, 1979

Mr. Harold Schwartz
75 Woodside Circle
Torrington, Connecticut 06790

Re: Stillwater Dam 27 660 KC

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

Enclosed is a carbon copy of Certificate of Insurance from Bertha M. McCollam, Inc., agents for Travelers, which shows our Valuable Papers (Policy No. 650-261B377-9-IND-78) coverage.

We agree that the value of the documents (3-blueprints of this dam) which you will be loaning us for a 48 hour period, could be worth as much as \$15,000 in terms of the cost of replacement.

Very truly yours,

CAHN ENGINEERS, INC.

Edgar B. Vinal, Jr. Senior Vice President

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June 2, 1979.

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te: Trass Mill Dam

.t.: 1r. George Stevens

Ragarding above dam on Haugatuck river in Torrington, also called Stillwater Pond, I am sending you by separate mail me aerial contour map and one plot plan of the property.

Original construction drawings of the dam and outlet works are at Marold Schwartz's in Connecticut.

inclosed photos show the upriver side of the gatehouse inlet and the dam during a draw-down in July 1975.

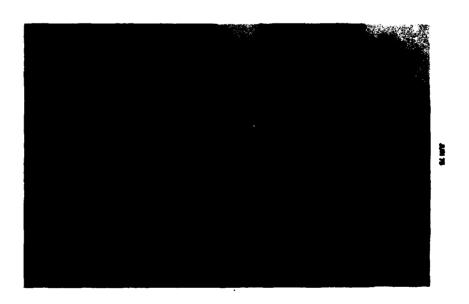
I personally inspected this dam periodically since 1968. Contact he if any of my observations may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Henry H. Herner

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# HENRY H. WERNER CONSULTING ENGINEER 21-43 SHORE BOULEVARD LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y. 11105

# REPORT on the BRASS MILL DAM on NAUGATUCK RIVER

# Torrington, Conn.

On July 15, 1975 I inspected above dam as the water in Stillwater Fond behind was drawn down substantially but unfortunately not completely.

This man-made pondwas formerly used for industrial water storage and was regularly drawn down in dry seasons. At such times, the up-river face of the dam and its outlet works were inspected and maintenance work was done as required. When the original use and periodical inspections were relinquished more then 10 years ago the pond became a steady body of water without the benefit of in-depth dam inspection. With this in mind I had asked to drain the pond for inspection.

My inspection observations are as follows:

- 1) There is little silt and organic mud deposited in the lower end of the pond. There are banks of sand and gravel in this area, apparently excavation material from the dam construction.
- 2) The up-stream rip rap protection of the earth embankment is in perfect condition. There is no root growth through the stone joints and no dislocation of stones.
- 3) The earth dam, adjacent to the spillway, is overgrown with small trees and shrubs and I advice that they be removed, together with all vines growing on and over fences.
- 4) The rock ledge in front of the spillway is in good condition with little evidence of erosion. There are various indications of water filtration through fine rock and concrete fissures, but none of them has sign of erosion or dissolution.
- 5) The concrete spillway dam and its up-river face (now exposed) are in good condition. There is some superficial spalling of the "gumite" concrete overlay of the spillway. This is caused by corrosion of reinforcing imbedded in the "gumite". This overlay is about six (6) inch thick on top of the dam and there are pipe inserts in this for flashboard installation.

#### HENRY H. WERNER CONSULTING ENGINEER

Curvature in this pipe.

Although as previously mentioned, I was not able to fully inspect the valves and trash racks, it should be noted that the functioning of these items concerns only the ability to control water levels of the pond, and they have no bearing on the integrity of the dam.

In my opinion the dam and its appurtenances continue to be sound and safe.

August 11, 1975.

Kenry H. Werner

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The Still Water Pond Dam on the West Branch of the Naugatuck River has a concrete spillway crest approximately 100 feet long, founded on ledge. The dike section of the dam is earth approximately 250 feet long also tied into ledge at the eastern abutment. The downstream slope of the earthen dike was quite steep, but showed no signs of seepage or deterioration.

The concrete spillway and wing walls appeared to be in acceptable condition, with only slight spalling and wear showing along the face of the spillway. A photograph taken in 1963 shows that at that time the spillway condition was similar to its condition at the present time and that deterioration has been very slow.

The draw down gate house was locked on the day of my inspection making examination of the equipment impossible. The house itself is in good condition, however, indicating that the equipment has been protected.

The overall condition of the dam is very good, with no necessary repairs forseen in the immediate future.

Since the foundation of the dam is tied to ledge, the earthen slopes showed no signs of seepage, and the concrete work was in good condition. I would consider the structure stable.

A best Joseph

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# A. J. MACCHI

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State of Connecticut Water Resources Commission State Office Building 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, Connecticut

Attention Mr. Emitt A. Dell Field Inspector

> Re: Still Water Pond Torrington, Conn.

Gentlemen:

We have inspected the dam at Still Water Pond in accordance with your request of June 6, 1962.

In general, we find the dam and appurtenances to be in a satisfactory condition. The only repairs necessary are to gunite the top and downstream surfaces of the concrete spillway which have spalled to some extent.

Very truly yours,

A. J. MACCHI, ENGINEERS

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June 6, 1962

Mr. John A. Machi 44 Gillett Street Martford, Commecticut

> Re: Still Mater Pond Torrington, Connecticut

Dear Johns

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from George Hancock regarding Still Water Fond in Torrington, Connecticut.

As a result of the interest shown by the Fish and Game Commission in acquiring this property, would you, under your terms as a consultant to this office, make a survey of this dam and submit a report stating:

- 1. Safety of the dea
- Amount of repairs required to place dam in a safe condition.

Very truly yours,

Emitt A. Dell Field Inspector

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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF FISHERIES AND GAME HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 650 MAIN STREET

June 5, 1962

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Mr. William S. Wise, Director Water Resources Commission 650 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Wise:

Still Water Pond, Torrington Re:

We would like your Department to inspect the dam at Still Water Pond in Torrington before our department makes any final committments on purchasing the dam and the water rights appurtenant thereto.

The Acaconda Brass Company is the owner of this lake and they have requested that our department make a proposal within the next thirty days.

Very truly yours,

George . Hancock, Chief Land Acquisition Division

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#### April 3, 1962

File: Real Estate -Torrington, State of Conn. (Stillwater Pond)

Mr. George C. Hancock Chief-Land Acquisition Division Connecticut State Board of Fisheries and Game 650 Main Street Hartford, Connecticut STATE WATER RESOURCE:
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Dear Sir,

On February 5, 1962 you wrote inquiring if the Still-water Pond property was for sale. It was not at the time, but is now available. The pond and the land surrounding it, comprise approximately 253 acres, located east of Route 72, and approximately 20 acres west of the highway.

We also have for sale approximately 241 acres of woodland west of Boute 72 and fronting on the highway, near the new flood control dam at Hall Meadow.

If you are interested in purchasing either of these two properties, we would be glad to discuss the matter with you, or furnish any additional information you might require. We would appreciate hearing from you, whether or not you are interested.

Yours very truly,

J. C. ROWELL DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

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# ANACONDA AMERICAN BRASS COMPANY

WATERBURY 20 CONNECTICUT

April 3, 1962

File: Real Estate -Torrington, State of Conn. (Stillwater Pond)

Mr. William S. Wise, Director Water Resources Commission State of Connecticut Room 317, State Office Building Hartford 15, Connecticut

Dear Sir,

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You wrote on September 1, 1961, expressing an interest in the ultimate disposition of Stillwater Pond. In our letter of November 20, we explained that we did not know at that time.

It has now been decided to sell Stillwater Pond and the adjacent property. Attached is a copy of a letter which we are sending to Mr. George C. Hancock of the Connecticut State Board of Fisheries and Geme, acquainting him with this fact, and asking if the State is interested in purchasing this property.

Yours very truly,

J. C. ROMELL DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

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# ANACONDA AMERICAN BRASS COMPANY

WATERBURY 20 CONNECTICUT

November 20, 1961

File: Real Estate
-Torrington

Mr. William S. Wise, Director Water Resources Commission State of Connecticut Room 317, State Office Building Hartford 15, Connecticut

Dear Sir,

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In reply to your letter concerning the future status of the Stillwater Reservoir, we are afraid we cannot be of much help to you at this time. The ultimate disposition of our property in Torrington is still in the exploratory and planning stage, and we do not know at present just what will be done with the Stillwater Reservoir.

In view of your interest in the matter, we will endeavor to keep you informed if there is any change in the present status of the property.

Yours very truly,

J. C. ROWELL DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

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September 1, 1961

Anacesia American Brass Company 414 Medicu Street Waterbury, Connecticut

> Ros Still Water Reservoir & Den Horfolk Road, Torrington

#### Contlines:

The City of Terrington is concerned over the future operation and maintenance of the Still Water Reservoir and Dam, Norfolk Read, Torrington. The city is well aware of the excellent operation and maintenance which you have given to this dam and reservoir and the cooperative attique that you have always taken in operating the reservoir to fit into the best interests of the city.

Because of your great curtailment of setivities in the city and the indication of further curtailments him city is naturally concerned with the future of the reservoir and dam. The city and this Countssion naturally are interested in some assurance that under curtailment activities its operation and maintenance will continue in a manner as estimatory as it has been in the past. We also assume that if its ownership should change, that some provision might be made to operate it in a manner that would be in the interest of the city.

We would appreciate your comments and views on this matter.

Yeary totally yours,

William S, Wise Director

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CITY OF TUKKINGTON

### FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Torrington, Connecticut

Rooma 313-314 City Hall Telephone:

August 22, 1961

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Mr. William S. Wise, Director State Water Resources Commission State Office Building Hartford, Connecticut

Re: Still Water Reservoir & Dam Norfolk Road, Torrington

Dear Mr. Wise:

In view of the fact that the Anaconda American Brass Company has cut back on industrial activities in this city and has announced further reduction in the near future and since they have already disposed of considerable acreage which they have held for some time in the northwestern section of the city, there have been many questions asked and much apprehension expressed concerning the future of Still Water Reservoir and particularly the dam on the Norfolk Road here in Torrington which they own and control. This company has been most cooperative with the municipality in the past with reference to water level at the dam to assure protection downstream on the West Branch.

Should this company decide to dispose of the Still Water Reservoir and Dam, or should they fail to continue to operate the dam with the same caution they have used in the past, what could be done to continue the safeguard and eliminate any future hazard?

At a meeting of the Flood and Erosion Control Board last week, this subject came up for discussion, it having been referred to the Board by a city official who had been worried about this matter. Is there any action the Flood Board could or should take? What advice would the State Water Resources Commission give on this question?

Would it be possible for the State Water Resources Commission to communicate with the Anaconda American Brass Company on this matter to assure adequate protection for the downstream areas in the heavily populated section of Torrington?

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Chester W. Moore, Chairman
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FLOOD & PROSION CONTROL BOARD

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October 4, 1955

V. B. Clarke 356 Main St. Ansonia, Conn.

The American Brass Company Waterbury, Conn.

Attn. Mr. Howard M. Pritchard Division Engineer.

Dear Sir:

At your request I inspected the Still Water Dam in the Northerly portion of Torrington to give you my opinion as a member of the Board as to its safety.

After my inspection of the dam and also the examinations of the original drawings I see nothing whatever to be concerned about as to its safety.

As stated before, the plans are very good and I consider the dam perfectly safe.

Very truly yours, State Board of Supervision of Dams

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V. B. Clarke Member

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September 24, 1955

PLEASE REPLY TO V. B. Clarke 356 Main Street Ansonia, Conn.

State Board of Supervision of Dams Room 317, State Office Building Hartford, Conn.

Attin. John J. Curry, Chief Engineer

Dear Mr. Curry:

I received the result of your computations on the Church Street dam of the American Brass Company located in Torrington. I think I will suggest to them to either lengthen out the spillway, making less corewall, or increase the height of the abutments. I would like the data you used, that is; number of square miles of watershed and the slope of the Naugatuck and its tributaries which would enter into the computations.

Yesterday I had a hurry call from Mr. Scofield, Engineer of the American Brass Company, to look at a dam up above Torrington, which I believe they call the "Stillwater Dam". The reservoir they informed me has a capacity of about one-half billion gallons of water and there seemed to be considerable concern around Torrington as to the safety of this dam. The flood came within less than one foot of the top or the earth embankment. I could see nothing wrong with the dam; some of the plastering on the downstream face of the spillway of the dam had scaled off in places and I imagine people thought the

dam was in bad shape on that account.

On the way back I stopped briefly at the Church Street Dam, but I am afraid not long enough to size up the situation. You spoke of a blow-off spillway in the canal which I evidently did not pay much attention to; also what the conditions downstream would be in case of flood. I think I will try to go up there again in a few days and look the situation over more carefully.

Very truly yours,

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V. B. Clarke, Member State Board of Supervision of Dams

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January 21, 1952

Mr. John H. Cook Attorney at Law 30 Mason Street Torrington, Conn.

Dear Mr. Cooks

With further reference to your letter of January 10th concerning the dam across the Maugatuck River at Stillwater Pond, please be advised that if you were to contact Mr. Frederick S. Schofield of 337 Grandview Avenue, Waterbury, Engineer for the American Brass Company, I believe he can supply you with additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Martin Director



#### STATE BOARD OF SUPERVISION OF DAMS

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January 17, 1952

PLEASE REPLY TO V. B. Clarke 356 Main St. Ansonia, Conn.

State Board of Supervision of Dams Mr. Richard Martin, Chairman State Office Bldg. Hartford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Martin:

Acknowledging receipt of correspondence concerning a dam apparently owned by the American Brass Company in Torrington, I have no information whatsoever regarding this matter. I think if you were to contact Mr. Frederick S. Schofield. Engineer for the American Brass Company whose address is Waterbury he can supply you with whatever information is wanted.

Very truly yours,

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V. B. Clarke, Member State Board of Supervision of Dams

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STATE WATER COMMISSION

January 16, 1952

Mr. John H. Cook Attorney at Law 30 Mason Street Torrington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Cooks

This is in reply to your letter of January 10th concerning the dam across the Maugatuck River at Stillwater Pond.

As you know this Board was established in 1939. Prior to 1939 these matters were handled by the Board of Civil Engineers. We have checked through our files and such records as were turned over to us by the predecessor Board but find nothing concerning the dam at Stillwater Pond.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Martin Chairman

RM/h cc Mr. Clarke

January 11, 1952

Memo to Mr. Martin:

Stillwater Fond is within the town of Torrington on the West Branch of the Naugatuck River.

I find nothing in our Torrington file on this dam. A search through the copies of permits issued from the old voucher books shows none for this dam. I assume, therefore, it was built before the organization of the Board.

As a further possibility we might ask Vince Clarke if he has a record or recollection or we might contact the City of Torrington to see if a permit was ever filed or we could ask the American Brass Company

Respectfully submitted

John J. Curry Senior Engineer

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# GREENE AND COOK ATTORNEYS AT LAW THIRTY MASON STREET TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT

THUNKTON GREENS JOHN H. COOK

TREPROVE
TORRINGTON 0840

10 January 1952

State Board for the Supervision of Dams, Dykes, Reservoirs and other similar Structures 307 State Office Building Hartford, Connecticut

#### Gentlemen:

Will you be good enough to furnish us with a copy of the permit under which a dam is maintained by American Brass Company across the Naugatuck River in Litchfield County, at the outlet of Stillwater Pond?

It may be that the permit was obtained in the name of American Brass Company's predecessor, Coe Brass Company.

If you will let us know your charges, we shall be pleased to remit.

Very truly yours

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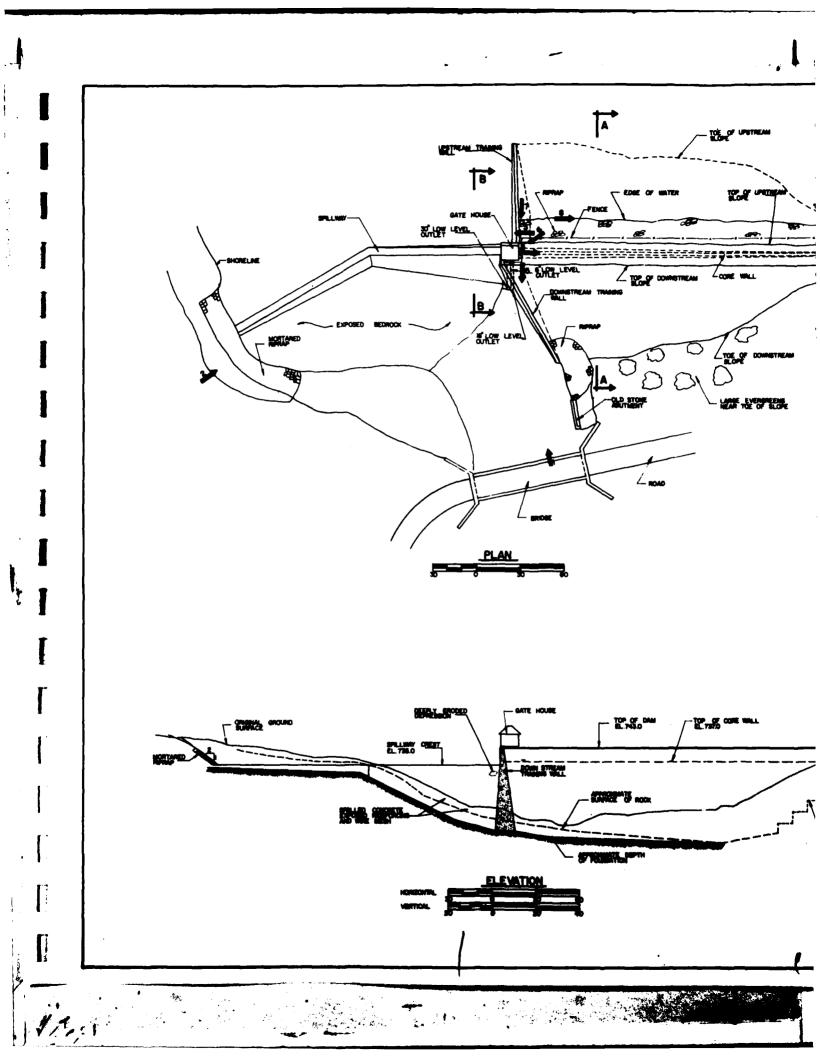
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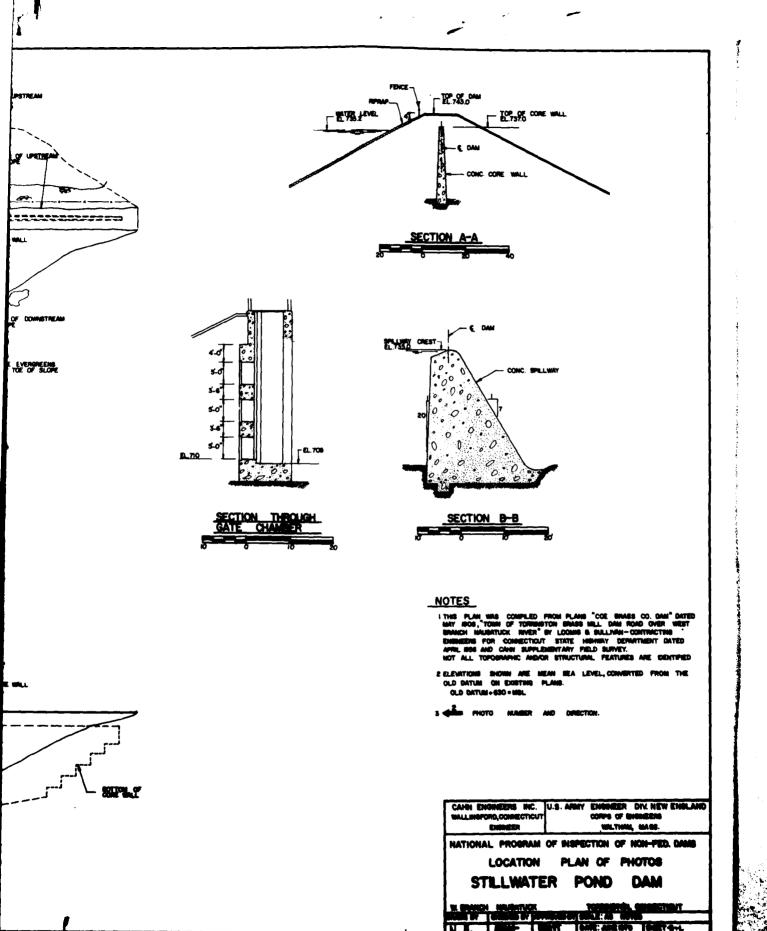
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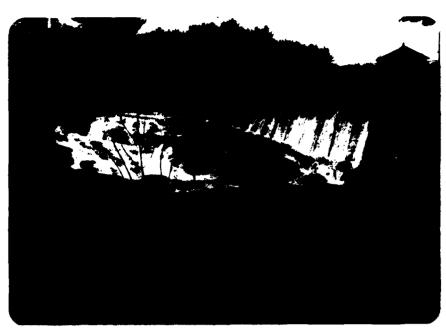


PHOTO 1 - Downstream face of spillway and downstream channel. (May, 1979).

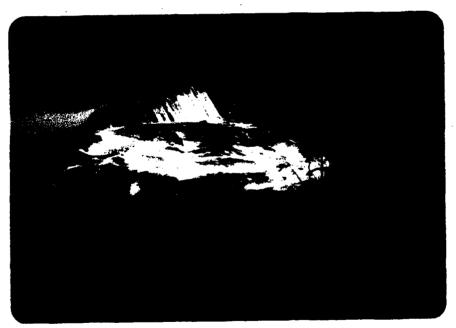


PHOTO 2 - Spillway, downstream training wall and upper portion of outlet structure (May, 1979).

US ARMY ENGINEER DIV. NEW ENGLAND CORPS OF ENGINEERS WALTHAM, MASS.

> CAMN ENGINEERS INC. WALLINGFORD, CONN. ENGINEER

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF INSPECTION OF NON-FED. DAMS Stillwater Pond Dam

W. Branch Naugatuck River

Torrington, Connecticut

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PHOTO 3 - Spillway and mortared riprap on right abutment cf dam. (May, 1979).



PHOTO 4 - Crest of embankment showing brush and tree growth. (May, 1979).

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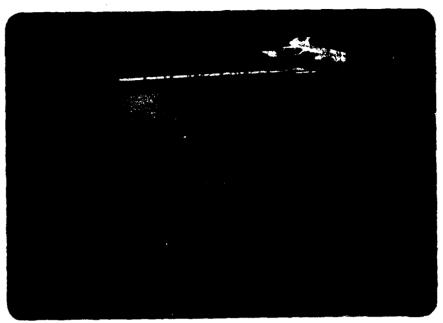


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PHOTO 6 - Interior of gatehouse showing operating mechanism and debris (May, 1979).

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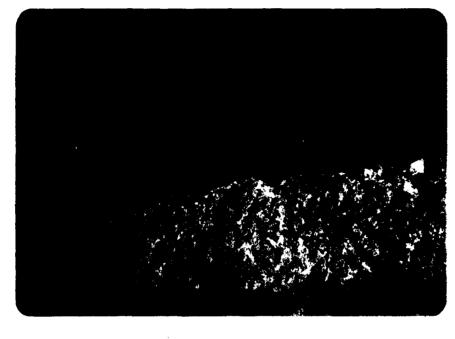
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PHOTO 7 - Top of upstream training wall and

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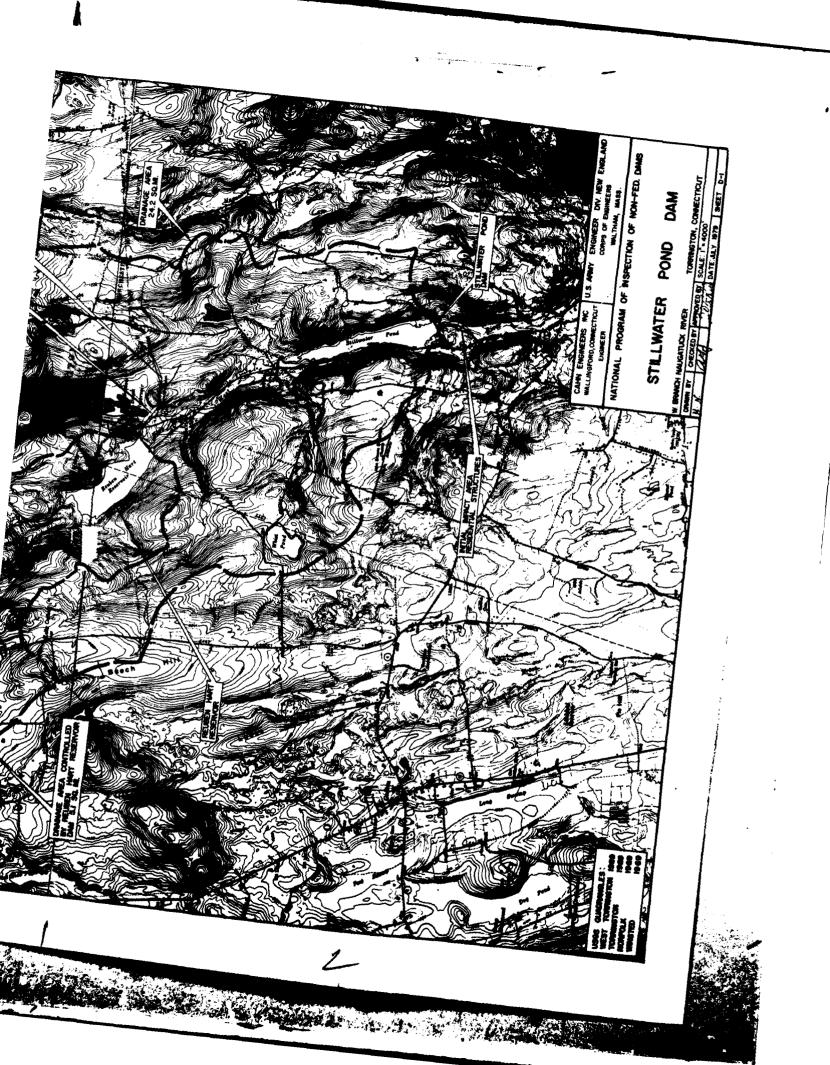
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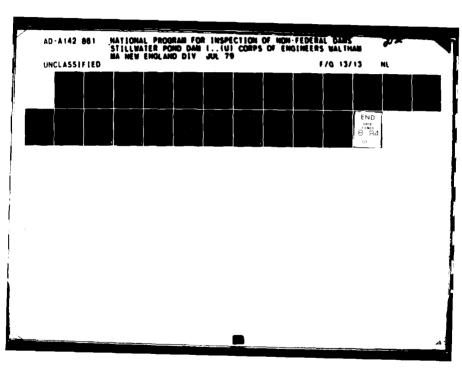
- 6) The main training wall at the gatehouse is in good condition except some frost spalling on its upstream top face and some light frost spalling on its downstream vertical face. There are no signs of dislocation or cracks in this training wall.
- 7) The training wall at the up-river and earth dam side of the gatehouse has extensive frost damage on its top, above normal water level. There is also frost damage to the concrete wall at the right hand side of the trash racks, looking downstream. While the frost damage does not affect the soundness of the walls, repairs should be made whenever other concrete work is being done.
- 8) The gatehouse windows and vents are in bad condition due to repeated forced entry by vandals. The floor and its support require repair.
- 9) Because of heavy rains during the several days prior to and on the morning of my inspection, it was impossible to make visual inspection of the gate valves. The thirty (30) inch and the sixteen inch valves were tested by opening and closing. The thirty (30) inch valve worked well, but the sixteen (16) inch one not quite as easily The eight (8) inch valve was inoperative. This eight (8) inch valve is not important to the safety of the structure, but its operation would permit you to better modulate the flow from the dam during the dry summer months.

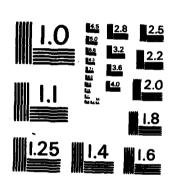
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- 10) During this inspection I could see only the upper trash rack which shows substantial amount of corrosion. Nevertheless, there appears to be more than sufficient metal left for safe functi More detailed observations will be made during low level inspection
- 11) I was able to inspect the 30 inch pipe from its valve to its outlet. There is little interior corrosion, it is clean and sound and has one (1) inch thick steel wall. The outlet face of it valve is similarly clean and sound.

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PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE

FOR ESTIMATING

MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES

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INVESTIGATIONS

New England Division Corps of Engineers

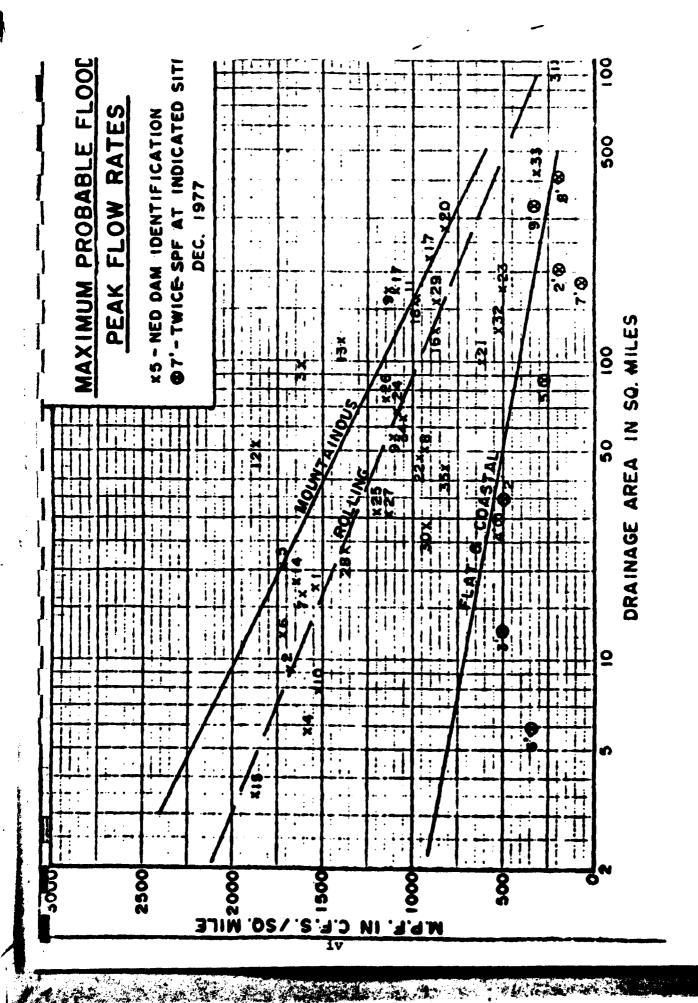
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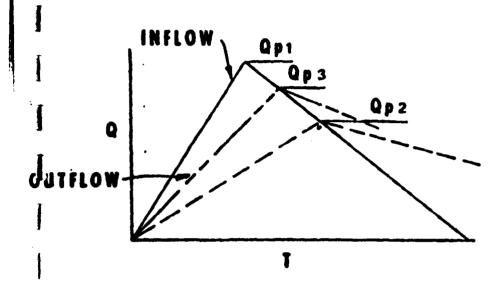
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| 1.  | Hall Meadow Brook | 26,600            | 17.2              | 1,546           |
| 2.  | East Branch       | 15,500            | 9.25              | 1,675           |
| 3.  | Thomaston         | 158,000           | 97.2              | 1,625           |
| 4.  | Northfield Brook  | 9,000             | 5.7               | 1,580           |
| 5.  | Black Rock        | 35,000            | 20.4              | 1,715           |
| 6,  | Hancock Brook     | 20,700            | 12.0              | 1,725           |
| 7.  | Hop Brook         | 26,400            | 16.4              | 1,610           |
| 8.  | Tully             | 47,000            | 50.0              | 940             |
| 9.  | Barre Falls       | 61,000            | 55.0              | 1,109           |
| 10. | Conent Brook      | 11,900            | 7.8               | 1,525           |
| 11. | Knightville       | 160,000           | 162.0             | 987             |
|     | Littleville       | 98,000            | 52.3              | 1,870           |
| -   | Colebrook River   | 165,000           | 118.0             | 1,400           |
|     | Mad Kiver         | 30,000            | 18.2              | 1,650           |
| 15. | Sucker Brook      | 6,500             | 3.43              | 1,895           |
| 16. | Union Village     | 110,000           | 126.0             | 873             |
|     | North Hartland    | 199,000           | 220.0             | 904             |
| 18. | • •               | 157,000           | 158.0             | 994             |
| 19. |                   | 190,000           | 172.0             | 1,105           |
| 20. | Townshend         | 228,000           | 106.0(278 tota    | 1) 820          |
| 21. |                   | 63,000            | 100.0             | 630             |
| 22. |                   | 45,000            | 47.0              | 957             |
|     | Birch Hill        | 88,500            | 175.0             | 505             |
| 24. |                   | 73,900            | 67.5              | 1,095           |
| 25. | Westville         | 38,400            | 99.5(32 net)      | 1,200           |
| 26. | •                 | 85,000            | 173.5(74 net)     | 1,150           |
| 27. |                   | 35,600            | 31.1              | 1,145           |
| 28. | _                 | 36,500            | 26.5              | 1,377           |
| 29. |                   | 125,000           | 159.0             | 786             |
| 30. | West Hill         | 26,000            | 28.0              | 928             |
| 31. |                   | 210,000           | 1000.0            | 210             |
| 32. |                   | 66,500            | 128.0             | 520             |
| 33. | •                 | 135,000           | 426.0             | 316             |
| 34. |                   | 68,000            | 64.0              | 1,062           |
| 35. | MacDowell         | 36,300            | 44.0              | 825             |

# MAXIMUM PROBABLE FLOWS BASED ON TWICE THE STANDARD PROJECT FLOOD (Flat and Coastal Areas)

|    | River                | (cfs)  | D.A.<br>(sq. mi.) | (cfs/sq. mi.) |
|----|----------------------|--------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. | Pawtuxet River       | 19,000 | 200               | 190           |
| 2. | Mill River (R.I.)    | 8,500  | 34                | 500           |
| 3. | Peters River (R.I.)  | 3,200  | 13                | 490           |
| 4. | Kettle Brook         | 8,000  | 30                | 530           |
| 5. | Sudbury River.       | 11,700 | 86                | 270           |
| 6. | Indian Brook (Hopk.) | 1,000  | 5.9               | 340           |
| 7. | Charles River.       | 6,000  | 184               | 65            |
| 8. | Blackstone River.    | 43,000 | 416               | 200           |
| 9. | Quinebaug River      | 55,000 | 331               | 330           |



# ESTIMATING EFFECT OF SURCHARGE STORAGE ON MAXIMUM PROBABLE DISCHARGES



STEP 1: Determine Peak Inflow (Qp1) from Guide Curves.

STEP 2: a. Determine Surcharge Height To Pass "Qp1".

b. Determine Volume of Surcharge (STOR1) In Inches of Runoff.

c. Maximum Probable Flood Runoff In New England equals Approx. 19", Therefore

$$Qp2 = Qp1 \times (1 - \frac{STOR1}{19})$$

STEP 3: a. Determine Surcharge Height and "STOR2" To Pass "Qp2"

b. Average "STOR1" and "STOR2" and Determine Average Surcharge and Resulting Peak Outflow "Qp3".

### SURCHARGE STORAGE ROUTING SUPPLEMENT

- STEP 3: a. Determine Surcharge Height and "STOR2" To Pass "Qp2"
  - b. Avg "STOR1" and "STOR2" and Compute "Qp3".
  - c. If Surcharge Height for Qp3 and "STORAVG" agree O.K. If Not:
- STEP 4: a. Determine Surcharge Height and "STORs" To Pass "Qps"
  - b. Avg. "Old STORAVG" and "STOR3" and Compute "Qp4"
  - c. Surcharge Height for Qp4 and "New STOR Ave" should Agree closely

### SURCHARGE STORAGE ROUTING ALTERNATE

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} \times \left(1 - \frac{STOR}{19}\right)$$

$$Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} - Q_{p1} \left( \frac{STOR}{19} \right)$$

FOR KNOWN Qp1 AND 19" R.O.

Qp2

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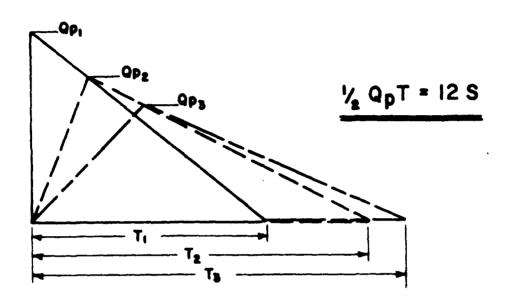
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# "RULE OF THUMB" GUIDANCE FOR ESTIMATING DOWNSTREAM DAM FAILURE HYDROGRAPHS



STEP 1: DETERMINE OR ESTIMATE RESERVOIR STORAGE (S) IN AC-FT AT TIME OF FAILURE.

STEP 2: DETERMINE PEAK FAILURE OUTFLOW (Qp1).

Wb= BREACH WIDTH - SUGGEST VALUE NOT GREATER THAN 40% OF DAM LENGTH ACROSS RIVER AT MID HEIGHT.

Yo = TOTAL HEIGHT FROM RIVER BED TO POOL LEVEL AT FAILURE.

STEP 3: USING USGS TOPO OR OTHER DATA, DEVELOP REPRESENTATIVE STAGE-DISCHARGE RATING FOR SELECTED DOWNSTREAM RIVER REACH.

STEP 4: ESTIMATE REACH OUTFLOW  $(q_{p2})$  USING FOLLOWING ITERATION.

- A. APPLY  $q_{p1}$  TO STAGE RATING, DETERMINE STAGE AND ACCOPMANYING VOLUME ( $v_1$ ) IN REACH IN AC-FT. (NOTE: IF  $v_1$  EXCEEDS 1/2 OF S, SELECT SHORTER REACH.)
- B. DETERMINE TRIAL Qp2.

Qp\_(TRIAL) = Qp, (1-1)

- C. COMPUTE V2 USING Qp2 (TRIAL).
- D. AVERAGE  $V_1$  AND  $V_2$  AND COMPUTE  $Q_{p2}$ .  $Q_{p2} = Q_{p1} (1 \frac{V_{p2}}{2})$

STEP 5: FOR SUCCEEDING REACHES REPEAT STEPS 3 AND 4.

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### APPENDIX E

INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS

