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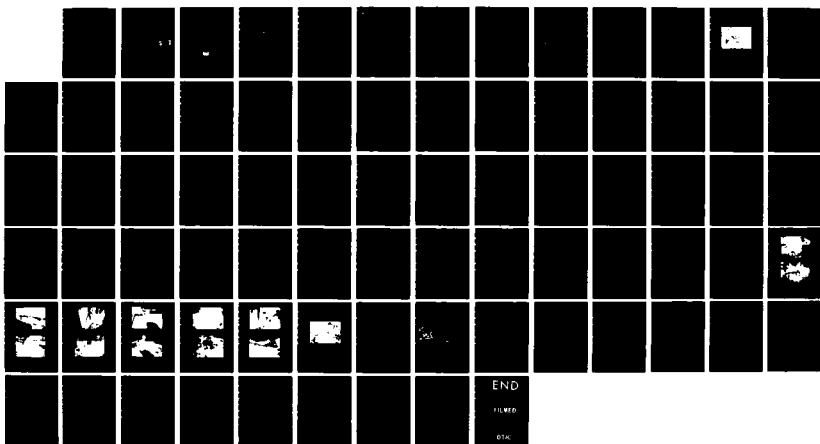
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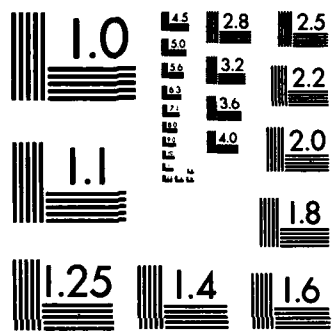
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Honorable Meldrim Thomson, Jr.
Governor of the State of
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State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Thomson:


I am forwarding to you a copy of the Pleasant Lake Dam Phase I Inspection Report, which was prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is presented for your use and is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. A brief assessment is included at the beginning of the report. I have approved the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is a vitally important part of this program.

A copy of this report has been forwarded to the Water Resources Board, the cooperating agency for the State of New Hampshire. In addition, a copy of the report has also been furnished the owner, the Town of Deerfield, Water Commission, Deerfield New Hampshire 03037.

Copies of this report will be made available to the public, upon request, by this office under the Freedom of Information Act. In the case of this report the release date will be thirty days from the date of this letter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you and the Water Resources Board for your cooperation in carrying out this program.

Sincerely yours,


JOHN P. CHANDLER
Colonel, Corps of Engineers
Division Engineer

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PLEASANT LAKE DAM

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MERRIMACK RIVER BASIN
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Identification No.: NH00179
Name of Dam: Pleasant Lake Dam
Town: Deerfield
County and State: Rockingham County, New Hampshire
Stream: Tributary of Little Suncook River
Date of Inspection: 31 May 1978

BRIEF ASSESSMENT

Pleasant Lake Dam is about 11 feet high, averages about 30 feet wide, and is about 1,180 feet long. It is a composite dam consisting of a 121-foot concrete wall near the west abutment that is tied to earthen sections. It has a vertical-drop stoplog spillway 3 feet by 5½ feet. Below the stoplog spillway is a 3'-9" x 3' gate. The gate has been buried for many years; the mechanism for its operation has been removed. Maximum storage capacity is about 4,200 acre-feet. Pleasant Lake, used now for recreational purposes, is nearly 2 miles long and has a surface of about 450 acres.

The dam is in fair condition. It has an inadequate spillway discharge capacity. Seepage of 1 cfs was noted at the toe along both sides of the concrete spillway abutments. Cracks in the concrete wall and spalling were noted. The inability to raise the gate prevents drainage of the lake without breaching the dam.

The stoplog spillway weir will pass 85 cfs, or about 4 percent of the test flood. The test flood would overtop the dam by 2 feet.

The owner, the Town of Deerfield, within two years, should retain the services of a registered professional engineer and implement the results of his evaluation of the following: Assess further the potential for overtopping and the inadequacy of the spillway, design the remedial measures needed to eliminate the seepage around the spillway abutments, and provide a non-destructive means to safely drain the lake. Within one year, the owner should implement the following operating & maintenance measures: Monitor seepages weekly, replace rotten timbers, keep debris from the spillway, clear brush between the spillway and road, and establish a surveillance and warning program to be exercised during floods.

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This Phase I Inspection Report on the Pleasant Lake 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.

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PREFACE

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

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

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions 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 necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide 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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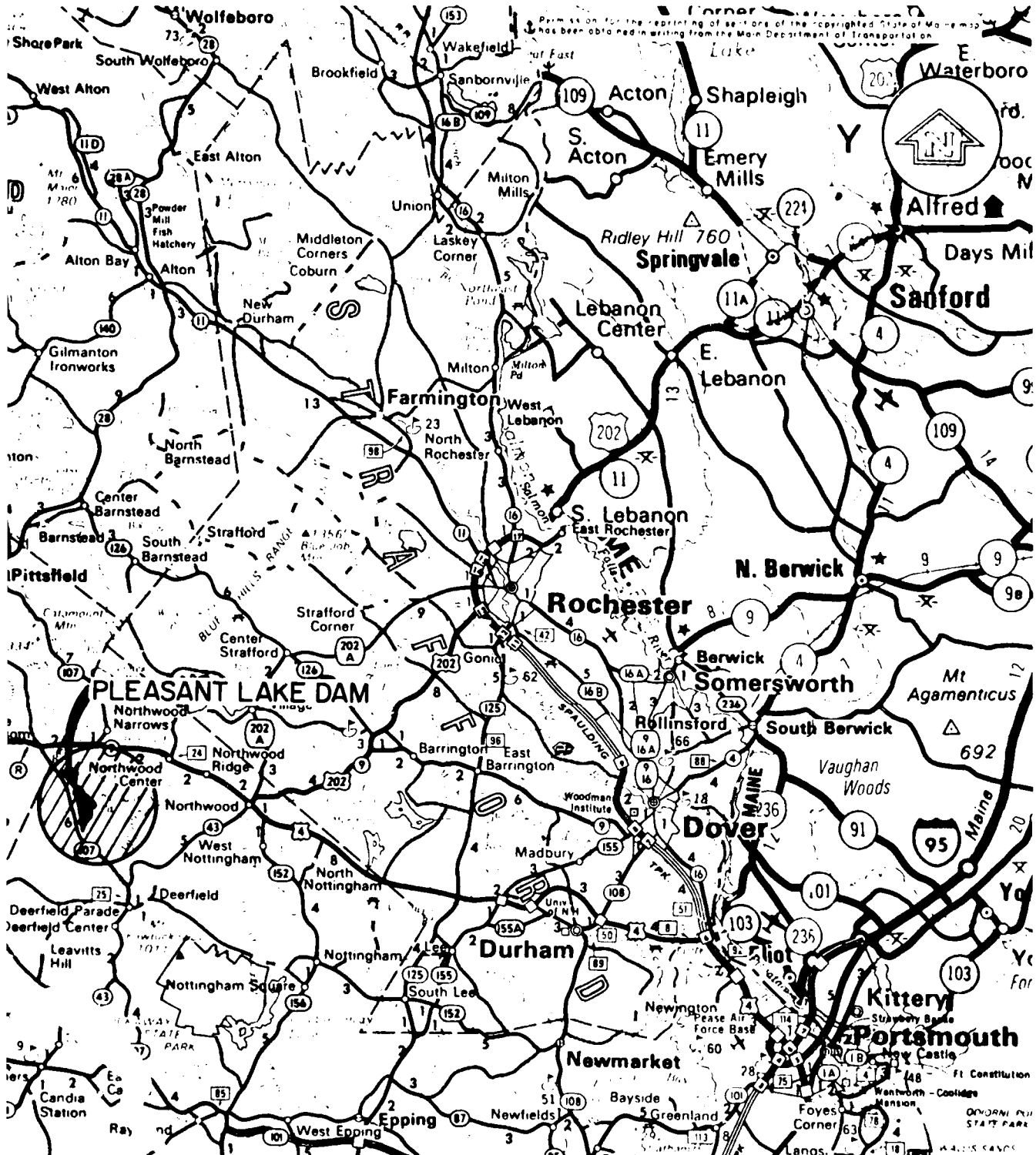
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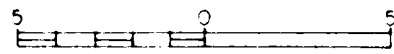


Figure 1 - Overview of upstream face of outlet structure and earthen embankment.



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SECTION 7
ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS & REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

a. Condition. The visual inspection indicates that the Pleasant Lake Dam is in fair condition. The major concerns with regard to the overall integrity of the dam are as follows:

- (1) The inadequacy of the spillway,
- (2) The seepage taking place along the spillway abutments,
- (3) The general deteriorated condition of the concrete, stoplog guides, wood deck, and possibly the stoplogs and gate, and
- (4) The inability to drain the lake.

Although the hydraulic analysis reveals that the dam will be overtopped by one-half the test flood, the spillway capacity is not considered seriously inadequate because no high hazard to loss of life from large flows downstream of the dam is likely with present development.

Because the wooden gate can no longer be raised and its condition cannot be determined, it cannot be used to drain the lake should this be required. Even if it could be raised, the elevation of the downstream culverts is too high to allow the lake to be drained. Water would be impounded between the spillway and the roadway to the elevation of the culvert inverts. As long as the gate remains submerged in water and sediment, the wood should not deteriorate further, and, if bolted, or strapped, it should remain relatively intact. However, its condition at the time of last lowering is uncertain. At present, breaching of the dam to drain the lake would require severance of the access road.

b. Adequacy of Information. The information available is such that the assessment of the condition of the dam must be based on the visual inspection.

c. Urgency. The recommended remedial measures enumerated in 7.2 below should be implemented within two years.

SECTION 6
STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

a. Visual Observation.

(1) Embankment. Visual observation did not indicate any existing structural problems in the dam embankment. Concentrated seepage and localized erosion was observed at the contact between the dam embankment and the concrete spillway abutments. (See Section 3.1b.)

(2) Appurtenant Structures. Visual inspection of the concrete wingwalls and spillway section did not reveal any evidence of instability. However, the concrete has deteriorated since original placement. (See Section 3.1c.)

b. Design and Construction Data. No design and construction data were disclosed.

c. Operating Records. No operating records were disclosed.

d. Post-Construction Changes. According to an inspection report dated December 21, 1949, a large section of the dam had been breached. No other information about the breaching or its repair is available. This report also noted the abutments to be in "very poor" condition. (See Appendix B.) No records of construction changes, maintenance or repair were found.

e. Seismic Stability. This dam is in Seismic Zone 2 and hence does not have to be evaluated for seismic stability according to the OCE Recommended Guidelines.

d. Overtopping Potential. The dam is unable to pass the test flood without overtopping. The water depth over the lowest point in the roadway was calculated to be about 2 feet for this flood. In fact, the spillway capacity is only 4 percent of the test flood discharge.

SECTION 5
HYDROLOGY AND HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

5.1 Evaluation of Features

a. Design Data. No hydrologic or hydraulic design data were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam.

Pleasant Lake Dam is classified as being intermediate in size having a maximum storage of 4,215 acre-feet.

To determine the hazard classification for Pleasant Lake Dam, the impact of failure of the dam at maximum pool was assessed using Guidance for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs issued by the Corps of Engineers. The analysis covered the reach extending from the dam to Northwood Lake. Failure of Pleasant Lake Dam at maximum pool would probably result in an increase in stage of 5.6 feet along the reach. An increase in water depth of this magnitude would probably result in the loss of less than 10 lives, sever the road just downstream of the dam, and might destroy one or two houses. The volume of water entering Northwood Lake may significantly increase the stage at Northwood Lake Dam.

As a result of the analysis described above, Pleasant Lake Dam was classified Significant Hazard. Using OCE Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the recommended spillway test flood is the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). The test flood discharge for Pleasant Lake Dam, having a drainage area of 3.6 square miles, was determined to be 2050 cfs.

b. Experience Data. An interview with a resident revealed that water had overtopped portions of the embankment during the flood of 1938. According to a 1949 inspection report, a "large section (of the embankment) was breached and flows over road at times." (See Appendix B.) A 1939 report does not mention breaching or overtopping. The 1949 report does not indicate the year that this breaching occurred; therefore one may infer that overtopping has occurred at least twice and the breaching occurred sometime between July 1939 and December 1949; probably the breaching occurred in 1949.

c. Visual Observations. No evidence of damage to any portion of the project from overtopping was visible at the time of the inspection.

SECTION 4
OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures

No written operational procedures were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam and Reservoir. The current dam operator is guided by his "good judgment." He attempts to keep the water level as high as possible during the summer recreational season. After each July 4th weekend, the lake level is dropped approximately 1 inch per week until Labor Day, lowering the stoplogs approximately a total of 18-20 inches. These releases are made to dissipate scum and oil slicks from the surface that are the result of heavy motorboat usage of the lake. The sand sedimentation which builds up over the year is removed from the outlet channel by the flowing water. At the end of the summer season, sand remaining at the spillway inlet channel is removed by hand shoveling.

4.2 Maintenance of Dam

Pleasant Lake Dam is maintained by the Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

No written maintenance procedures were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam. The dam operator reports that to the best of his knowledge the gate has not been used for many years and is not now operable. A 1949 inspection report reflects that the gate was inoperable then. (See Appendix B.)

4.4 Description of Any Warning System in Effect

No written warning system was disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam.

4.5 Evaluation

The current operation and maintenance procedures for Pleasant Lake Dam are inadequate to insure that all problems encountered can be remedied within a reasonable period of time. The owner should establish a written operation and maintenance procedure as well as establishing a warning system to follow in event of floodflow conditions or imminent dam failure.

3.2 Evaluation

The observed condition of the project is fair. The potential problems observed during the visual inspection are listed as follows:

- (a) Concentrated seepage at the base of the spillway abutments.
- (b) Deteriorated condition of the concrete wingwalls.
- (c) Weathered condition of the wood deck and the unknown condition of the stoplogs and wooden gate.
- (d) Inability to drain the pond because of the high inverts of the downstream culvert pipes and the inoperable gate.

Because the dam is low and has a wide crest, the stability of the dam embankment does not appear to be a problem. The existing trees at the shoreline lend to protecting the exposed face from serious erosion. From a hydraulic standpoint, the existing spillway and downstream culverts are able to pass only limited flows.

The normal pool elevation is only a few feet below the top of the dam. The dam may be subject to overtopping during periods of high flow and/or high winds.

is limited to a depth of 2 inches, exposing the reinforcing steel.

(2) The vertical-drop spillway is formed by two concrete abutments, with removable wood stoplogs creating the weir. (See Appendix C - Figures 5,6, and 7.) Because of the flow over the stoplogs, the condition of the stoplogs could not be determined. The gate located below the stoplogs was buried in sand and therefore was not visible. Each abutment is cracked in the vicinity of the intersection with the wingwalls. (See Appendix C - Figures 8 and 9.) About one-half inch of separation has occurred at the crack between the left abutment and wingwall. (See Appendix C - Figure 10.)

(3) The top of the spillway structure is covered with wood planking. The wood planking has not been painted and is badly weathered. (See Appendix C - Figure 8.) The wood deck has deteriorated sufficiently to pose a potential hazard to pedestrian loads.

Concentrated seepage estimated to be about 1 cfs was discharging from the soil at each side of the base of the abutments of the spillway. The discharge water was clear. Some soil has been eroded next to these abutments. (See Appendix C - Figures 11 and 12.)

Approximately 11 feet downstream of the spillway structure, two elliptical corrugated metal culverts (30" x 18"), 28.5 feet long, pass the discharge flow under the roadway. (See Appendix C - Figure 13.) Visual observation indicates the culverts have deteriorated; however, they continue to support highway loads. At the time of the inspection the culverts were flowing approximately 1/3 full. The culverts were laid approximately level. About 4 inches of sediment was observed in the downstream end of each culvert. The elevation of the culvert inverts is too high to allow for the lake to be drained.

d. Reservoir Area. The reservoir slopes are generally covered with trees and brush. Cottages are scattered along the shoreline. Annually, the sedimentation accumulates in the vicinity of the spillway opening because of the flow of water and the winds that blow south to north generally throughout the year.

e. Downstream Channel. Beyond the road the channel is narrow, brush and tree-lined, with a sand and gravel bottom that leads through a 15-acre marsh to Northwood Lake, 1.3 miles downstream. (See Appendix C - Figure 14.)

SECTION 3
VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

a. General. The dam is low but has a large reservoir. The downstream area is flat and only slightly lower than the lake surface. Four houses have been built along the downstream side of the road east of the concrete portion of the dam. A great deal of sediment has filled the approach channel to the spillway creating a sandy swimming beach. The watershed above the reservoir is heavily wooded. Numerous cottages and homes have been constructed around the perimeter of the reservoir.

b. Dam. The dam consists of an earth embankment totaling about 1,180 feet in length with a concrete wall section near the outlet. (See Appendix C - Figure 2.) The crest of the dam ranges in width from 18 to 42 feet and is covered by a paved roadway. (See Appendix C - Figure 3.) The crest of the roadway was found to range in height above the water surface from 2 to 3 feet on the day of inspection. Riprap has been placed randomly on the upstream face of the embankment. Trees and brush were found on both sides of the roadway. (See Appendix C - Figure 4.) The pavement is uneven with some cracking, typical of older roads. However, no signs of lateral or vertical movement of the dam were noted.

Because the concrete portion of the dam appears only in the vicinity of the spillway, we have discussed it under the subject of Appurtenant Structures.

c. Appurtenant Structures.

(1) The visual inspection of the concrete wall and spillway section did not reveal any evidence of instability. However, the concrete has deteriorated since original placement.

The left concrete wingwall adjacent to the spillway structure has approximately 18 major cracks. The cracks are vertical, extending from the top of the wall to the currently existing ground surface on the upstream face. The cracks evidenced on the top of the wall indicate the cracks extend through the entire thickness of the wall. There is little differential movement across the cracks. The vertical cracking varies in spacing from 4 feet to 100 feet. The exposed portion of the wall has spalled in several places and spalling

SECTION 2
ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design

No original design data were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam.

2.2 Construction

No construction data were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam. One sketch made during an inspection report of 8/3/39 was evaluated to determine its acceptability in defining the unexposed portion of the outlet structure.

2.3 Operation

No engineering operational data were disclosed.

2.4 Evaluation

a. Availability. Little engineering data were disclosed for Pleasant Lake Dam. A search of the files of the NHWRB revealed only a limited amount of recorded information.

b. Adequacy. Because of the limited amount of detailed data available, the final assessments and recommendations of this investigation are based on visual inspection and hydrologic and hydraulic calculations.

c. Validity. The sketch of 8/3/39, taken from the NHWRB file and made by one of its inspectors, is generally conformable to the data collected during the field inspection.

- (3) Height - 10.6' (structural height)
- (4) Top Width - Ranges from 18' to 42'
- (5) Side Slopes - U/S & D/S - various slopes, but generally gentle.
- (6) Zoning - unknown
- (7) Impervious core - unknown
- (8) Cutoff - unknown
- (9) Grout curtain - unknown
- (10) Other - 121' of concrete wall exposed including spillway.

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel - not applicable

i. Spillway

- (1) Type - vertical-drop with stoplogs
- (2) Length of weir - 2'-11" (2.92')
- (3) Crest elevation - 575.2' MSL (assuming all stoplogs removed to top of downstream sediment).
- (4) Gates - a 3.75' x 3' gate with a 3' x 3' gate opening below stoplogs (not operable).

(5) U/S Channel - A wooden frame made of 2" x 12" planks about 12 feet long by 3 feet wide at the upstream end and flared to about 4 feet wide at the spillway abutments, has been placed and anchored in the approach channel. About 18 inches upstream of the stoplogs a 10" x 10" timber has been placed 9 inches below the top edge of the box. This frame serves to keep the approach channel somewhat free of sand and gravel. On 31 May 1978, the frame was full of sediment, thus the reservoir bottom formed the approach channel with sandy sediment up to and on the stoplogs.

(6) D/S Channel - an 11 foot reach, 5 feet to 10 feet wide downstream of spillway leads to 2 elliptical culverts 28.5 feet long and 18" V by 30" H under roadway. Downstream of the culverts is a natural channel with overhanging trees and brush.

- (3) Full flood control pool - not applicable
- (4) Recreation pool - 578
- (5) Spillway crest - 575.2 (assuming stoplogs removed to top of downstream sediment)
- (6) Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel - none
- (7) Streambed at centerline of dam - 575.2 (downstream measured at time of inspection).
- (8) Maximum tailwater - unknown

d. Reservoir (miles)

- (1) Length of maximum pool - 1.8
- (2) Length of recreation pool - 1.8
- (3) Length of flood control pool - not applicable

e. Storage (acre-feet)

- (1) Recreation pool - 3,240
- (2) Flood control pool - not applicable
- (3) Design surcharge - unknown
- (4) Top of dam (low point of embankment) - 4,215

f. Reservoir Surface (acres)

- (1) Top of dam - 505
- (2) Maximum pool - 505
- (3) Flood control pool - not applicable
- (4) Recreation pool - 468
- (5) Spillway crest - 432 (with stoplogs removed)

g. Dam

- (1) Type - earthen dam with concrete wall over a portion of its length.
- (2) Length - 1,180'

h. Design and Construction History. Little information is available regarding the original design and construction of the dam. The earthen embankment is believed to have been built in the late 1800's. Suncook Mills is believed to have built the concrete portion including the stoplog spillway in 1921.

i. Normal Operational Procedures. No written operational procedures were disclosed. The regulation of the water level is guided by "good judgment." The operator attempts to keep the water level up during the summer recreational season by placement of stoplogs. After each July 4th weekend, the lake level is dropped 1 inch per week until Labor Day, lowering the stoplogs approximately 18-20 inches. The sand sedimentation, formed over the year by southerly winds, by then has been scoured from the approach channel. The gate has not been operable for many years because it is buried in sand.

1.3 Pertinent Data

a. Drainage Area. The drainage area consists of 3.6 square miles (2,300 acres) of predominantly steep-sloping wooded terrain.

b. Discharge at Damsite

- (1) Outlet works (conduits) - none
- (2) The maximum known discharge at damsite is unknown.
- (3) Stoplog spillway capacity at recreational pool elevation is estimated to be 40 cfs upon removal of all stoplogs.
- (4) The gated spillway capacity at pool elevation - not applicable
- (5) Stoplog spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation - assuming 1 foot of freeboard, is about 85 cfs upon removal of all stoplogs.
- (6) Total spillway capacity at maximum pool elevation is the same as (5) above (85 cfs).

c. Elevation (ft. above MSL) based on elevation of 578 shown on U.S.G.S. quad sheet and assumed to be pool elevation on day of inspection.

- (1) Top of dam - 580
- (2) Maximum pool - design surcharge - unknown

shown on U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Suncook, New Hampshire, with coordinates approximately at N 43° 12' 06", W 71° 16' 18", Rockingham County, New Hampshire. (See Location Map page iv.)

b. Description of Dam and Appurtenances. Pleasant Lake Dam is a composite dam consisting of a 121-foot exposed concrete wall tied to earthen sections totaling approximately 1,180 feet in length. Past inspection reports (see Appendix B) reflect an overall dam length of 225 feet. The maximum structural height of the dam is about 11 feet from the base to the top of the concrete wall. This height was taken from a sketch made in 1939 by New Hampshire Water Resources Board (NHWRB). A vertical-drop stoplog spillway with maximum effective opening of 2'-11" in width by 5'-6" in height (assuming all stoplogs removed) is located in the concrete section near the left abutment (looking downstream). Normally about 3 feet of stoplogs are in place. Below the stoplogs is a 3'-9"x3' gate that is buried in bottom sediment; its exact location within the stoplog slots is unknown with respect to the bottom of the dam (see sketches in Appendix B). A paved roadway runs along the crest of the dam. The road crosses a culvert a short distance downstream of the spillway.

c. Size Classification. Intermediate (hydraulic height - 5 feet high, storage - 4,215 acre-feet) based on storage ($\geq 1,000$ to $< 50,000$ acre-feet) as given in OCE Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams.

d. Hazard Classification. Significant hazard. A major breach would result in the loss of less than 10 lives and some property damage.

e. Ownership. The present dam is believed to have been constructed in 1921 by Suncook Mills for use in their milling operations located in Suncook, New Hampshire. Since then the ownership has passed through other milling companies. In 1974, Thomas Hodgson & Sons, Inc. transferred its rights, title and interest to rights of flowage and property to the Town of Deerfield, New Hampshire.

f. Operator. Mr. Charles Copeland, Water Commission, Pleasant Lake, Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037. Phone (603) 453-7424.

g. Purpose of Dam. The dam was originally constructed to create greater industrial water storage for Suncook Mills. Pleasant Lake was also utilized as a water supply for the Town of Pembroke until 1949. The present purpose of the dam is only for recreational use.

NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM
PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT
PLEASANT LAKE DAM

SECTION 1
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. Anderson-Nichols & Company, Inc. has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the State of New Hampshire. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to Anderson-Nichols & Company, Inc. under a letter of May 3, 1978 from Ralph T. Garver, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-78-C-0329 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

b. Purpose.

(1) To perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-Federal dams to identify conditions which threaten the public safety and thus permit correction in a timely manner by non-Federal interests.

(2) To encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-Federal dams.

(3) To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

1.2 Description of Project

a. Location. Pleasant Lake Dam is located in the Towns of Deerfield and Northwood, New Hampshire. Pleasant Lake forms the headwaters of an unnamed tributary approximately 1.3 miles upstream of its confluence with Northwood Lake. These two lakes combine to form the headwaters of the Little Suncook River which is confluent with the Suncook River in Epsom, New Hampshire approximately 4 miles downstream of Northwood Lake. The Suncook River then flows southwesterly for a distance of about 12 miles to its confluence with the Merrimack River in Suncook, New Hampshire. The dam is

d. Need for Additional Investigation. The information available from the visual inspection is adequate to identify the potential problems which are: overtopping, seepage, and an inoperable gate. These problems require the attention of a registered professional engineer who will have to make additional engineering studies to design or specify remedial measures to rectify the problems. If left unattended, the problems could lead to instability of the structure.

7.2 Recommendations

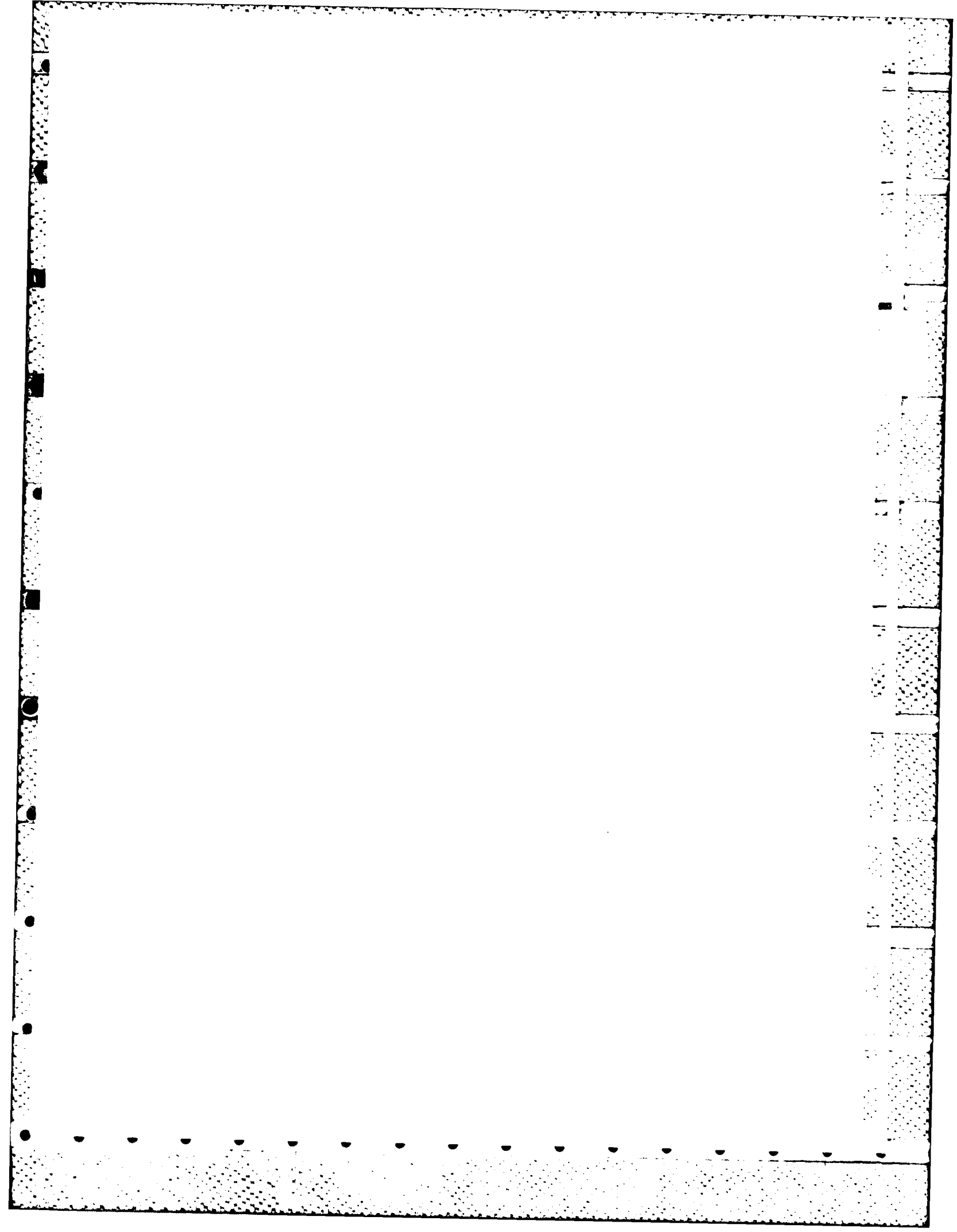
It is recommended that the Town of Deerfield retain the services of a registered professional engineer to:

- a. Evaluate further the potential for overtopping and the inadequacy of the spillway;
- b. Design the remedial measures needed to eliminate the seepage around the spillway abutments;
- c. Design the correctional measures for all deteriorated concrete and rotted wood. (The wooden decking could and should be removed and replaced, if the latter is deemed necessary);
- d. Provide a non-destructive means to safely drain the lake.

7.3 Remedial Measures

- a. Alternatives. A practical alternative to the above recommendations is that the owner should operate the reservoir at lower levels throughout the year so as to provide more storage for extreme flood events.
- b. Operation and Maintenance Procedures.
 - (1) The seepage at the spillway box should be monitored on a weekly basis.
 - (2) The owner of the dam should be made aware that the spillway opening may act as a debris collector that could effectively block outflow. This could cause the water level to rise and overtop the dam.
 - (3) The tree and brush growth in the vicinity of the spillway and downstream of the twin culverts should be removed and kept free in the future.
 - (4) The owner should develop a written operational procedure to follow in the event of floodflow conditions or imminent dam failure.
 - (5) Round the clock surveillance should be provided by the owner during periods of unusually heavy precipitation. The town should develop a formal system for warning downstream residents in case of emergency.

APPENDIX A
CHECK LIST - VISUAL INSPECTION



PERIODIC INSPECTION

PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam

DATE May 31, 1978

TIME 4 P.M.

WEATHER Clear, cool

W.S. ELEV. 6.3ft. U.S. 3.7ft DN.S.

PARTY:

(Staff gage elevations)

- | | |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

PROJECT FEATURE	INSPECTED BY	REMARKS
1. <u>Hydraulic/Hydrologic</u>	_____	_____
2. <u>Structural Stability</u>	_____	_____
3. <u>Soils and Geology</u>	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____
8. _____	_____	_____
9. _____	_____	_____
10. _____	_____	_____

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam, N.H. DATE May 31, 1978
 PROJECT FEATURE Dam Embankment NAME _____
 DISCIPLINE _____ NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITIONS
<u>DAM EMBANKMENT</u>	
Crest Elevation	580 (low point in roadway) (assumed)
Current Pool Elevation	Gage reading 6.3 (578 MSL) (assumed)
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	None (see Pavement Condition, below).
Pavement Condition	Uneven surface and some cracks typical of old, poorly constructed pavements.
Movement or Settlement of Crest	None (see Pavement Condition, above).
Lateral Movement	None
Vertical Alignment	Good (see Pavement Condition, above).
Horizontal Alignment	Good
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Good at abutment, but not at concrete outlet (see Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage, below).
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	None
Trespassing on Slopes	None
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	None
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	Riprap on upstream face, in satisfactory condition.
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes	None
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	Concentrated seepage, estimated at 1 cfs, discharging from soil at the abutment of the base of concrete outlet structure.
Piping or Boils	Discharge water was clear. Some soil has been eroded along the sides of the outlet structure.
Foundation Drainage Features	None
Toe Drains	None
Instrumentation System	None

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam, N.H.

DATE May 31, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE Vertical-drop Spillway

NAME _____

DISCIPLINE _____

NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED

CONDITION

OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND
INTAKE STRUCTURE

a. Approach Channel

Slope Conditions

Bottom Conditions

Rock Slides or Falls

Log Boom

Debris

Condition of Concrete Lining

Drains or Weep Holes

Buried in Sand - not visible

b. Intake Structure

Condition of Concrete

Stop Logs and Slots

Weathered

Not visible due to flow over top of stoplogs. Slots contain rotted timbers.

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam, N.H.

DATE May 31, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE Vertical-drop spillway
and concrete wall

NAME _____

DISCIPLINE _____

NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER</u>	
a. Concrete and Structural	
General Condition	Weathered
Condition of Joints	Separated
Spalling	Some on upstream of wingwalls
Visible Reinforcing	Limited to cracks
Rusting or Staining of Concrete	Limited to areas of exposed reinforcing
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	At both downstream abutments
Joint Alignment	Little movement at cracks in walls & abutments
Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber	None visible
Cracks	near top of left abutment- $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide with reinforcing bars exposed; also crack at right abutment.
Rusting or Corrosion of Steel	Stoplog keeper and bolts (timber connectors) badly rusted
b. Mechanical and Electrical	
Air Vents	None; previously installed gate mechanism has long since been removed.
Float Wells	
Crane Hoist	
Elevator	
Hydraulic System	
Service Gates	
Emergency Gates	
Lightning Protection System	
Emergency Power System	
Wiring and Lighting System	

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam, N.H.

DATE May 31, 1978

PROJECT FEATURE Vertical-drop spillway

NAME _____

DISCIPLINE _____

NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SERVICE BRIDGE</u>	(Decking over spillway)
a. Super Structure	
Bearings	10" x 10" weathered timbers
Anchor Bolts	Rusted
Bridge Seat	Good
Longitudinal Members	Weathered wood beams-some deterioration
Under Side of Deck	Weathered wood
Secondary Bracing	None
Deck	Exposed wood is badly weathered
Drainage System	None
Railings	None
Expansion Joints	None
Paint	None
b. Abutment & Piers	
General Condition of Concrete	Fair, surface laitance gone, cracks at intersection with wingwalls.
Alignment of Abutment	No visible movement
Approach to Bridge	N/A
Condition of Seat & Backwall	N/A

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECK LIST

PROJECT Pleasant Lake Dam, N.H. DATE May 31, 1978
 PROJECT FEATURE Vertical-drop spillway NAME _____
 DISCIPLINE _____ NAME _____

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS</u>	
<p>a. Approach Channel</p> <p>General Condition</p> <p>Loose Rock Overhanging Channel</p> <p>Trees Overhanging Channel</p> <p>Floor of Approach Channel</p>	<p>Approach channel filled with sediment to top of stoplogs.</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>Sandy</p>
<p>b. Weir and Training Walls</p> <p>General Condition of Concrete</p> <p>Rust or Staining</p> <p>Spalling</p> <p>Any Visible Reinforcing</p> <p>Any Seepage or Efflorescence</p> <p>Drain Holes</p>	<p>Weathered and cracked</p> <p>Some staining below rusted bolts</p> <p>Little at concrete edges</p> <p>Limited to cracks</p> <p>None visible</p> <p>None</p>
<p>c. Discharge Channel</p> <p>General Condition</p> <p>Loose Rock Overhanging Channel</p> <p>Trees Overhanging Channel</p> <p>Floor of Channel</p> <p>Other Obstructions</p>	<p>Channel is 5-10 ft. wide. Beneath roadway, outflow is carried by two elliptical pipes with 30-inch horizontal axis and 18-inch vertical axis.</p> <p>Poor</p> <p>Some loose rock and flat stones.</p> <p>Brush overhanging discharge channel between outlet structure and road, also downstream of road.</p> <p>Sand, gravel, and silt with a few large loose rocks.</p> <p>Pipes under roadway are partially filled with sediment.</p>

APPENDIX B
INSPECTION REPORTS/SKETCHES

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

REPORT ON DAM INSPECTION

TOWN Deerfield (Deerfield) DAM NO. 61.01 STREAM _____

OWNER Sumner Mills (Sumner Mills) ADDRESS Sumner, N.H.

In accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 133, Laws of 1937, the above dam was inspected by me on 12/21/49 accompanied by _____

NOTES ON PHYSICAL CONDITION

Abutments Very poor (Very poor)

Spillway None (None)

Gates Not operable (not operable)

Embankment Concrete wall (Embankment & concrete wall)

Other Large section breached & flows over road at times.

CHANGES SINCE LAST INSPECTION

FUTURE INSPECTIONS Yes Yes

This dam (is) ~~not~~ a menace because of ice area

REMARKS

Degraded Dam

Part of dam is in ruins

and part runs up to mud sill

(Dam practically in ruins)

Potential lake level problem!

Copy to Owner	Date

[Signature]
INSPECTOR

(Additional Notes Over)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—DAM RECORD

I-1000

OWNER <i>DEERFIELD</i>	TOWN NO. <i>1</i>	STATE NO. <i>61</i>
NEAR <i>Pleasant Lake</i>		
DRAINAGE AREA <i>432.32</i>	POND AREA <i>432.32</i>	
TYPE <i>Wall Dike</i>	FOUNDATION NATURE OF <i>Earth Earth</i>	
MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION <i>Boulders, Concrete, Earth</i>		
PURPOSE DAM <i>POWER—CONSERVATION—DOMESTIC—RECREATION—TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC UTILITY</i>		
HEIGHTS, TOP OF M TO BED OF STREAM <i>17'</i>	TOP OF DAM TO SPILLWAY CRESTS <i>10'</i>	
SPILLWAYS LENGTHS FTHS BELOW TOP OF DAM <i>70"</i>	LENGTH OF DAM <i>285'</i>	
FLASHBOARDS BE HEIGHT ABOVE CREST <i>5.6'</i>		
OPERATING HEAD FEET TO N. T. W.	TOP OF FLASHBOARDS TO N. T. W.	
HEELS, NUMBER NDS & H. P.		
GENERATORS, NUMBER NDS & K. W.		
P. 90 P. C. TIME O. P. C. EFF.	H. P. 75 P. C. TIME 100 P. C. EFF.	
REFERENCES, CASES, ANS. INSPECTIONS, REMARKS		

Form No. E61A

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION

RECORD OF DAM NO. *61.01*

Town *Deerfield* County *Roxbury* Local Name *Pleasant Lake*
 Function of Dam *Storage Industrial* Type *Dike - Earth Boulders & Concrete*
 Primary Basin *Merrimack* Sec. Basin *Suncook* Local Stream *Suncook Lake*
 Drainage Area, Total *3.56* sq. mi.: Controlled sq. mi.: Net Uncontrolled sq. mi.:
 Reservoir Area, Full Pond *432* acres: At Max. Drawdown acres:
 Reservoir Capacity *141* mcf.: *3240* ac. ft.: in. net D. A.: *17.06* in. Total D. A.:
 Overall Length of Dam *225* ft.: Max. Depth Water at Dam *10* ft.:
 Spillway Length *215* ft.: Minimum Freeboard *2.65* ft.:
 Spillway Capacity *31* cfs.: *9.7* cfs. per sq. mi.:
 Highest Flood Flow of Record *92* cfs.: *25.8* cfs. per sq. mi.: Date
 Estimated Maximum Probable Flood cfs.:

REMARKS:

Record Prepared by *C.F.O.* Checked by Approved for File Date *9/10/39*

OWNER Suncook Mills,
Suncook, N. H.

CONTRACTOR

NO

RECEIVED

INVESTIGATED BY

DATE

APPLICATION

IS IT IMPROPERLY CONSTRUCTED IT

BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY

IS IT SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF P. L. CHAP. 218, SECTS 15-20?

RECEIVED

CHECKED BY

DATE

REVISIONS & SPECIFICATIONS

APPROVED BY COMMISSION

COMMISSION CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

IS IT SUBJECT TO PERIODIC INSPECTION?

CHARGES

PAID

DAM INSPECTION RECORD

DATE	INSPECTOR	REPORT	CHARGES	PAID	DATE	INSPECTOR	REPORT	CHARGES	PAID
3/24				1974					
5-30			\$8.00	11-19					
2/29/88	CDC	Exit occupation							

OWNER Suncook Mills : ADDRESS Suncook N.H. : CASE NO. _____
 Contractor _____ : Address _____

Construction Record

Date	Office-Routine	Inspection During Construction			
Date	Inspector	Memo	Date	Inspector	Memo
Application Received					
Board Approval					
Authorization Sent					
Final Plans Rec'd					
Final Approval-Board					
Final Approval-Sent					
Case Closed					

Is Dam a Menace Yes :
 Why Road below - also from land

Dam Inspection Record

Date	Inspector	Comments	Memo Prepared	Memo Sent To Owner
7/20/84	C.D.C.	Guidance on inspection cracked off. Spill is observed		

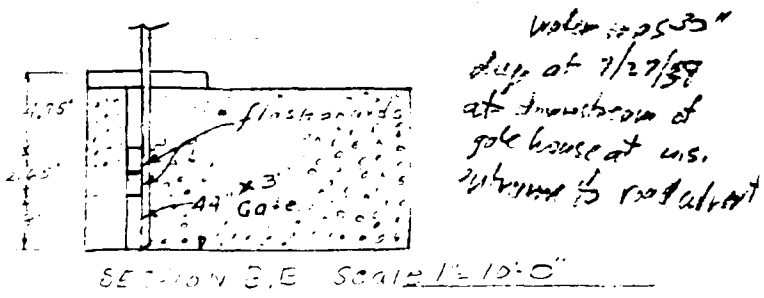
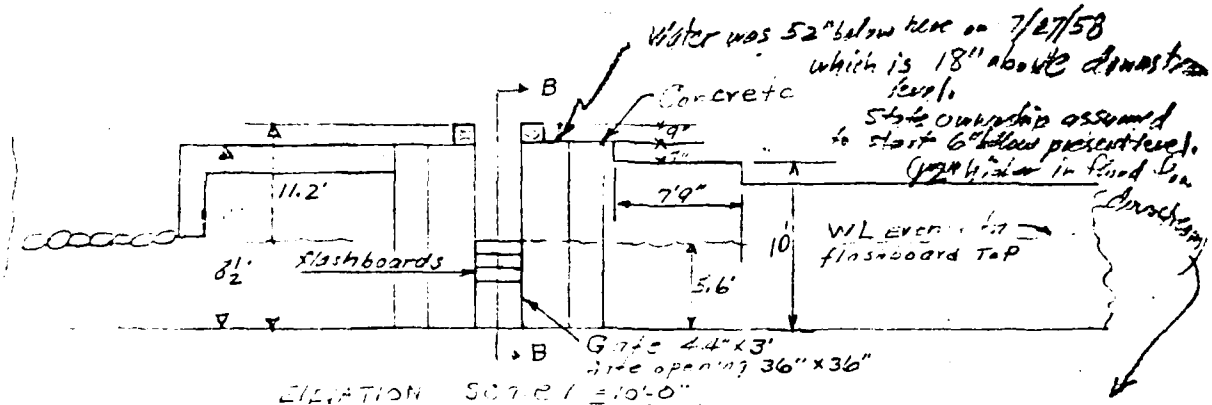
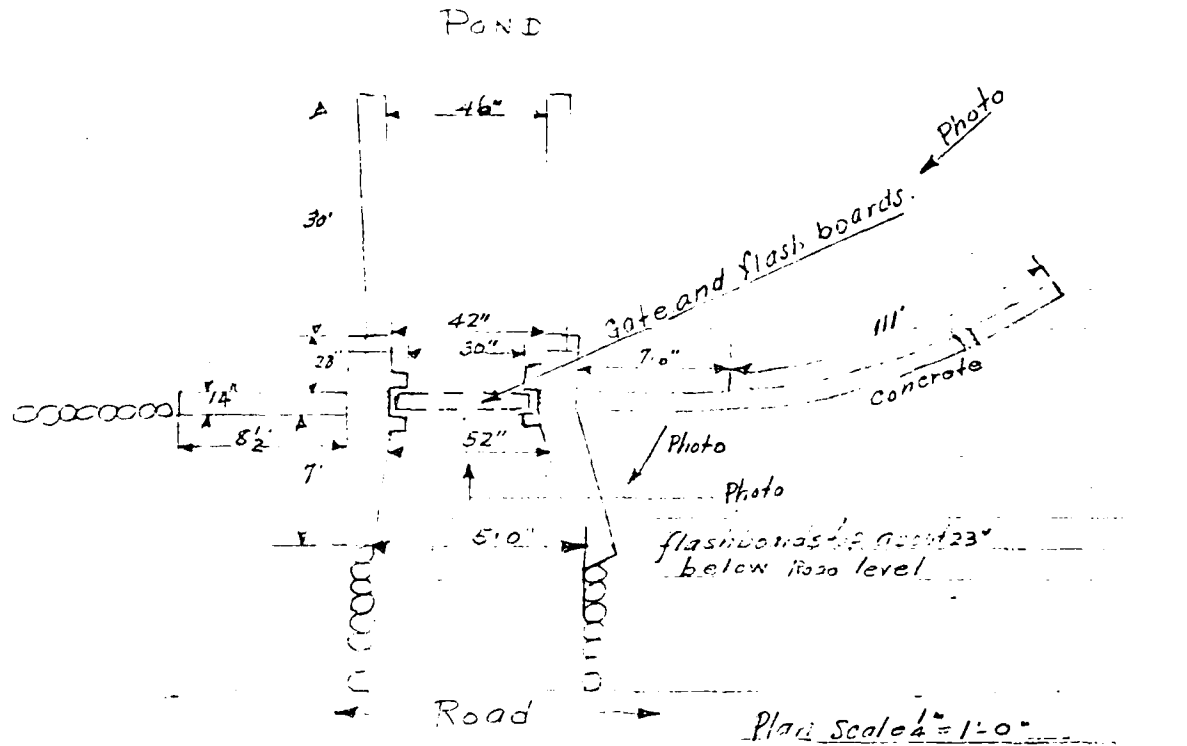
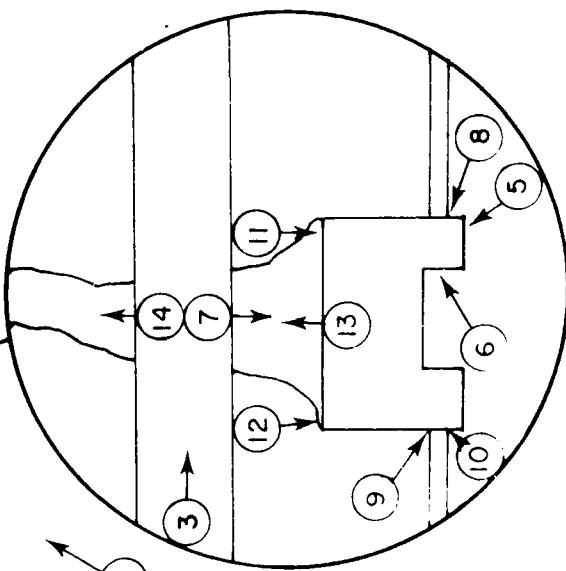
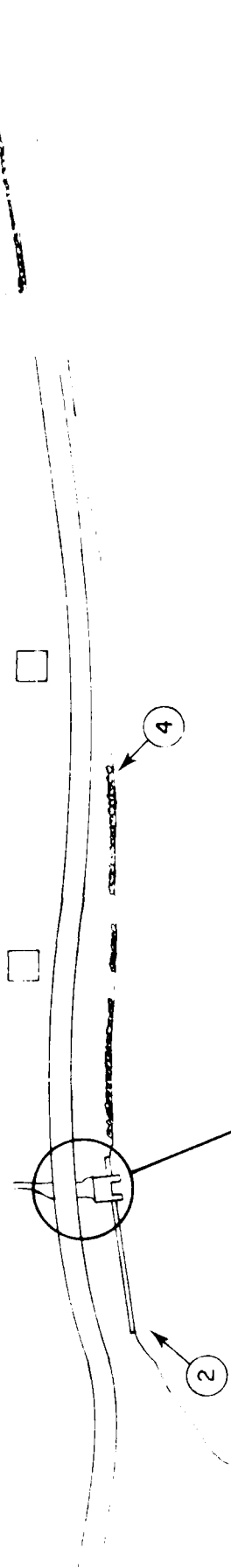




Figure 2 - View taken from west abutment looking east at upstream face of dam. Outlet structure can be seen at the right.

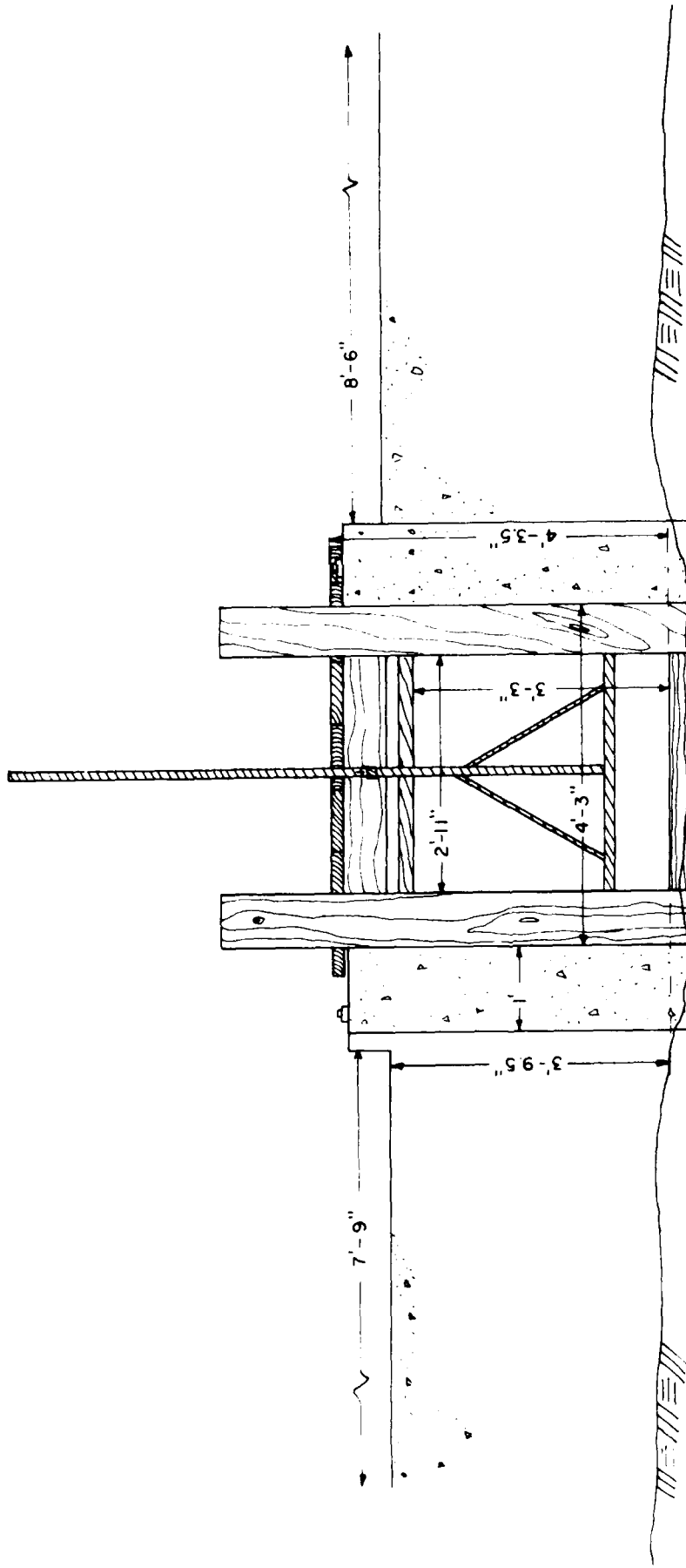


Figure 3 - Looking east along embankment from approximately 50 feet west of the outlet structure.



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PLEASANT LAKE DAM PHOTO INDEX	
PLEASANT LAKE	NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCALE NOT TO SCALE	DATE JULY 1978

APPENDIX C
PHOTOGRAPHS



SPILLWAY DETAIL
UPSTREAM FACE

Note: For detail below
water surface
see Profile Plate.
Data based on
field measurements.

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WALTHAM, MASS.

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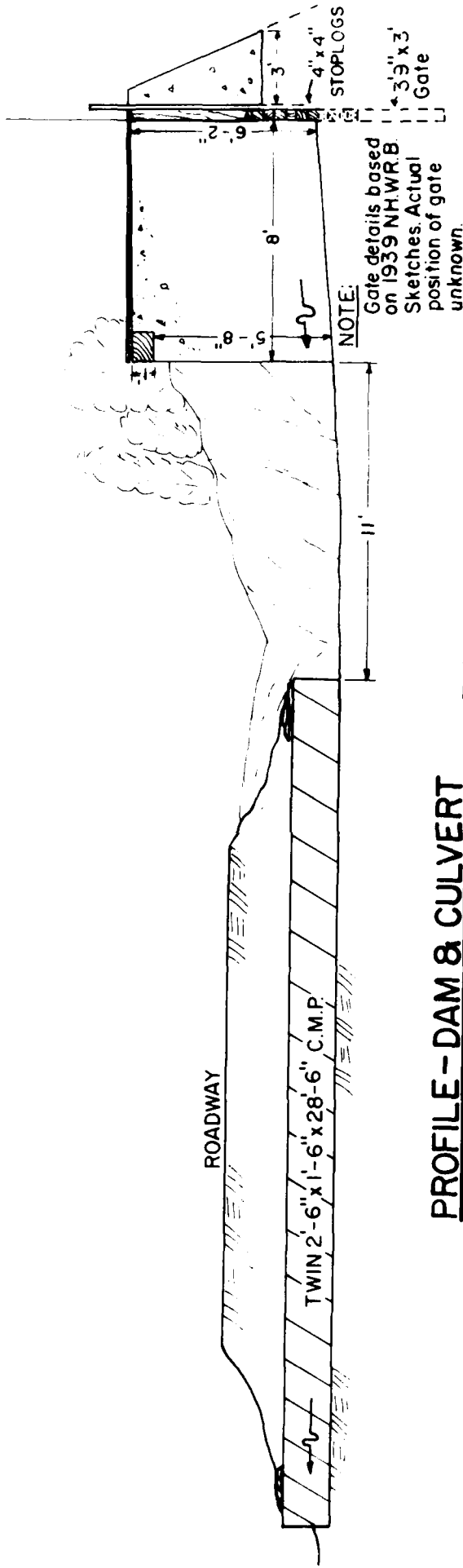
PLEASANT LAKE DAM

PLEASANT LAKE

NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCALE NOT TO SCALE

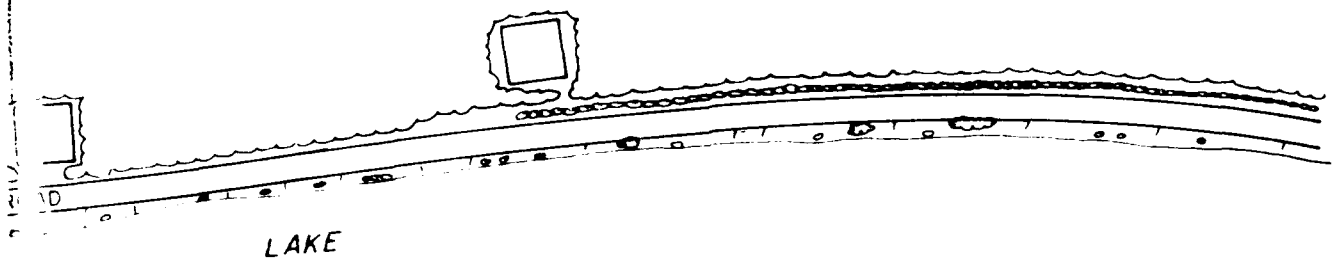
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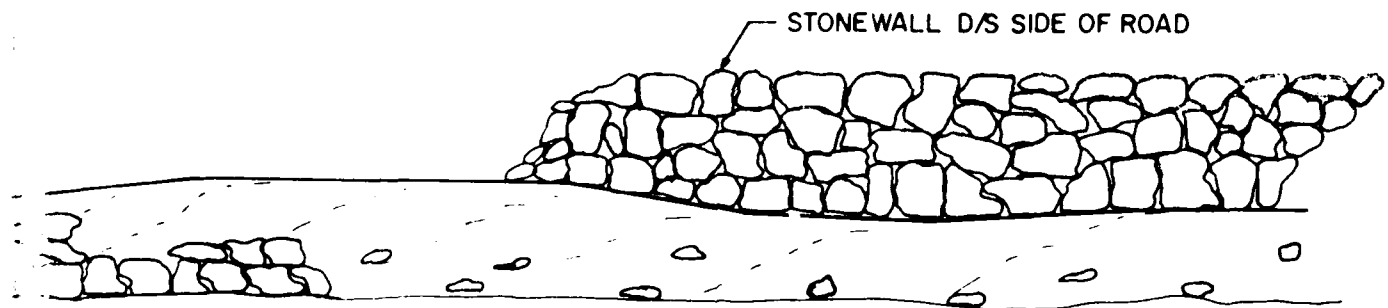
NOTE:
 Gate details based on 1939 NH.W.R.B. Sketches. Actual position of gate unknown.

PROFILE - DAM & CULVERT

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PLEASANT LAKE DAM	
PLEASANT LAKE	NEW HAMPSHIRE
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE	DATE: JULY 1978

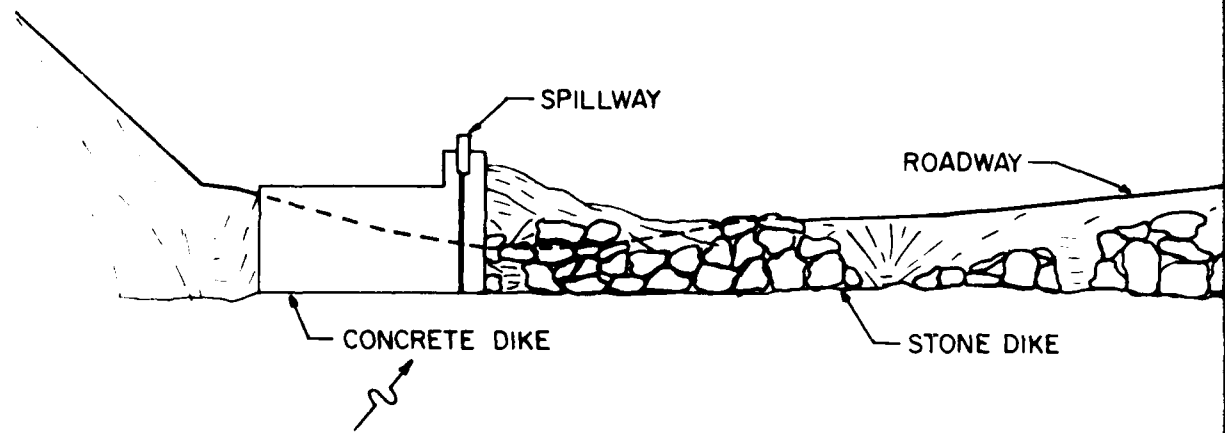
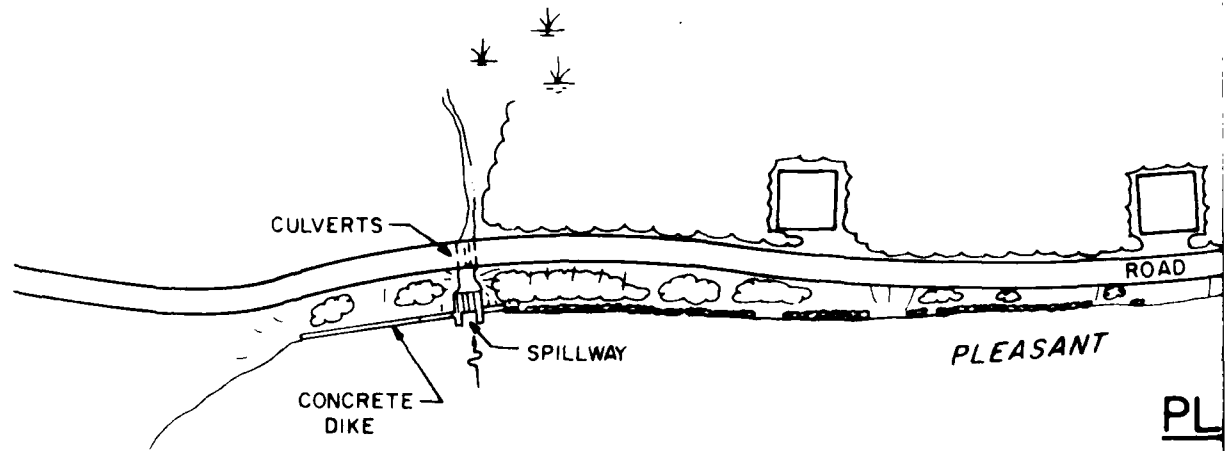


PLAN



ELEVATION

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PLEASANT LAKE		NEW HAMPSHIRE	
		SCALE: NOT TO SCALE	
		DATE: JULY 1978	



NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER RESOURCES BOARD

INVENTORY OF DAMS AND WATER POWER DEVELOPMENTS

DAM

BASIN Hepburn NO. 1 - 190 - I-3599 3.6 wpa
 RIVER Piscataqua Pond MILES FROM MOUTH D.A.SQ.MI. 3.9
 TOWN Dover OWNER State of N.H. A.E.
 LOCAL NAME OF DAM (State of N.H. A.E.)
 BUILT 1921 DESCRIPTION Wall type - Reinforced Concrete, Earth on Earth

POND AREA-ACRES 22.12 DRAWDOWN FT. 5 POND CAPACITY-ACRE FT. 5000
 HEIGHT-TOP TO BED OF STREAM-FT. 10 MAX. MIN. 0-10
 OVERALL LENGTH OF DAM-FT. 225 MAX. FLOOD HEIGHT ABOVE CREST-FT. _____
 PERMANENT CREST ELEV. U.S.G.S. _____ LOCAL GAGE _____
 TAILWATER ELEV. U.S.G.S. _____ LOCAL GAGE _____
 SPILLWAY LENGTHS-FT. 2.5 FREEBOARD-FT. 10
 FLASHBOARDS-TYPE, HEIGHT ABOVE CREST 5.6
 WASTE GATES-NO. WIDTH MAX. OPENING DEPTH SILL BELOW CREST

REMARKS Condition Poor
at Hepburn Pond, 1.5710 Seneo R. Seneo R.

Coordinates from A.E.
 N 430 101 + 4300 yds
 W 710 15 + 1850 "

POWER DEVELOPMENT

UNITS	NO.	RATED HP	HEAD FEET	C.F.S. FULL GATE	KW	MAKE

USE Conservation Water Supply

REMARKS Water supply for Town of Pennacook. Epsom also uses water for fire protection hydrants along Turnpike.

DATE 7/30/34

OWNER Songbird Mills CONTRACTOR NO. _____

RECEIVED: _____ INVESTIGATED BY _____ DATE _____

APPLICATION _____

IF DAM IMPROPERLY CONSTRUCTED IT WOULD BE A MENACE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY
IS DAM SUBJECT TO PROVISIONS OF P. L. CHAP. 219, SECTS 18-20?

RECEIVED _____ CHECKED BY _____ DATE _____

PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS APPROVED BY COMMISSION _____ COMMISSION CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR _____

FINAL CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL _____ CHARGES _____ PAID _____

IS DAM SUBJECT TO PERIODIC INSPECTION?

DAM INSPECTION RECORD									
DATE	INSPECTOR	REPORT	CHARGES	PAID	DATE	INSPECTOR	REPORT	CHARGES	PAID

July 30, 1934

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE—DAM RECORD 1-3599

TOWN	DEERFIELD	TOWN NO.	1	STATE NO.	6101
RIVER	PLEASANT LAKE				
STREAM					
DRAINAGE AREA	3950.00				
DAM TYPE	WALL DIKE				
MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION	BOULDERS, CONCRETE, EARTH				
PURPOSE OF DAM	POWER-CONSERVATION—DOMESTIC—RECREATION—TRANSPORTATION—PUBLIC UTILITY				
HEIGHTS, TOP OF DAM TO BED OF STREAM	10'	TOP OF DAM TO SPILLWAY CRESTS	10'		
SPILLWAYS, LENGTHS	30"				
DEPTHS BELOW TOP OF DAM					
FLASHBOARDS	5.6'				
TYPE, HEIGHT ABOVE CREST					
OPERATING HEAD					
CREST TO N. T. W.					
WHEELS, NUMBER					
KINDS & H. P.					
GENERATORS, NUMBER					
KINDS & H. P.					
H. P. 90 P. C. TIME					
100 P. C. EFF.					
REFERENCES, CASES, PLANS, INSPECTIONS, REMARKS					

BH

CALCULATION SHEET

No.

Refers to Date
 Made By

DEFINITION

Def. No.	Date	Locality	Description	No.	W. of	H.
1	13511	PLEASANT LAKE OUTLET	SUNCOOK MILL	225	10'	10'
2	13600	FRESSES ALONG	JENNIFER	165	14'	7 1/2"
3	13601	LARGESSE RIVER	WATER	150	15'	15'
4	13602	"	"	215	12'	12'
5	13603	LARGESSE RIVER	"	225	15'	15'
6	13604	"	"			
7	13605	"	"			
8	13606	"	"			

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION
DATA ON RESERVOIRS & PONDS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION AT DAM NO. 31.01
 Town Deerfield (Deerfield): County Rockingham (Rockingham)
 Stream Pleasant Lake (Pleasant Lake)
 Basin—Primary Merrimack R.: Secondary Suncook R.
 Local Name

DRAINAGE AREA

Controlled Sq. Mi.: Uncontrolled Sq. Mi.: Total 3.56 3.50 Sq. Mi.

ELEVATION vs. WATER SURFACE AREA vs. VOLUME

Point	Head Feet	Surface Area Acres	Volume Acre Ft.
(1) Max. Flood Height	.....	.....	.....
(2) Top of Flashboards	.....	.....	.....
(3) Permanent Crest	.....	.....	.....
(4) Normal Drawdown	<u>100</u>	<u>432 (432)</u>	<u>33440</u>
(5) Max. Drawdown	.....	.....	.....
(6) Original Pond	<u>U.S.G.S. = 578</u> <u>(USGS - 578)</u>	.....	.....

Base Used: Coef. to change to U.S.G.S. Base

RESERVOIR CAPACITY

	Total Volume	Usable Volume
Drawdown	.....ft.	.....ft.
Volume	.....ac. ft.	.....ac. ft.
Acre ft. per sq. mi.	.....	.....
Inches per sq. mi.	.....	.....

USE OF WATER Storage Industrial

OWNER Suncook Mills - Suncook N.H.

REMARKS

Tabulation By A. N. & R. L. T. Date November 15, 1951

NEW HAMPSHIRE WATER CONTROL COMMISSION
DATA ON DAMS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

LOCATION STATE NO. 61.01
 Town (Deerfield) County Rockingham
 Stream Pleasant Lake
 Basin-Primary Merrimack R. & R. Secondary Suncook R. (Suncook R.)
 Local Name
 Coordinates—Lat. 42° 11' 10" Long. 71° 15' 30"

GENERAL DATA
 Drainage area: Controlled Sq. Mi.: Uncontrolled Sq. Mi.: Total 5.53 Sq. Mi.
 Overall length of dam 225 ft.: Date of Construction 1921
 Height: Stream bed to highest elev. 10 ft.: Max. Structure 0 ft.
 Cost—Dam : Reservoir

DESCRIPTION Waste Gates (W. Dike Boulders - Concrete - Earth Foundation)
 Type
 Number : Size ft. high x ft. wide
 Elevation Invert : Total Area sq. ft.
 Hoist

Waste Gates Conduit
 Number : Materials
 Size ft.: Length ft.: Area sq. ft.

Embankment
 Type
 Height—Max. ft.: Min. ft.
 Top—Width : Elev. ft.
 Slopes—Upstream on : Downstream on
 Length—Right of Spillway : Left of Spillway

Spillway
 Materials of Construction Concrete (Concrete)
 Length—Total ft.: Net 30"
 Height of permanent section—max. 0 ft.: Min. ft.
 Flashboards—Type : Height 5.6' ft.
 Elevation—Permanent Crest : Top of Flashboard
 Flood Capacity 922 cfs.: 25.8 cfs./sq. mi.

Abutments
 Materials: concrete
 Freeboard: Max. ft.: Min. ft.

Headworks to Power Devel.—(See "Data on Power Development")

OWNER Suncook Falls - Suncook N.H.

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Figure 4 - View of upstream face looking west from approximately 450 feet east of outlet structure.



Figure 5 - Looking west at spillway entrance.



Figure 6 - Looking at stoplogs from upstream side on 5/31/78 at 5:30 P.M. Water level reads 6.30.

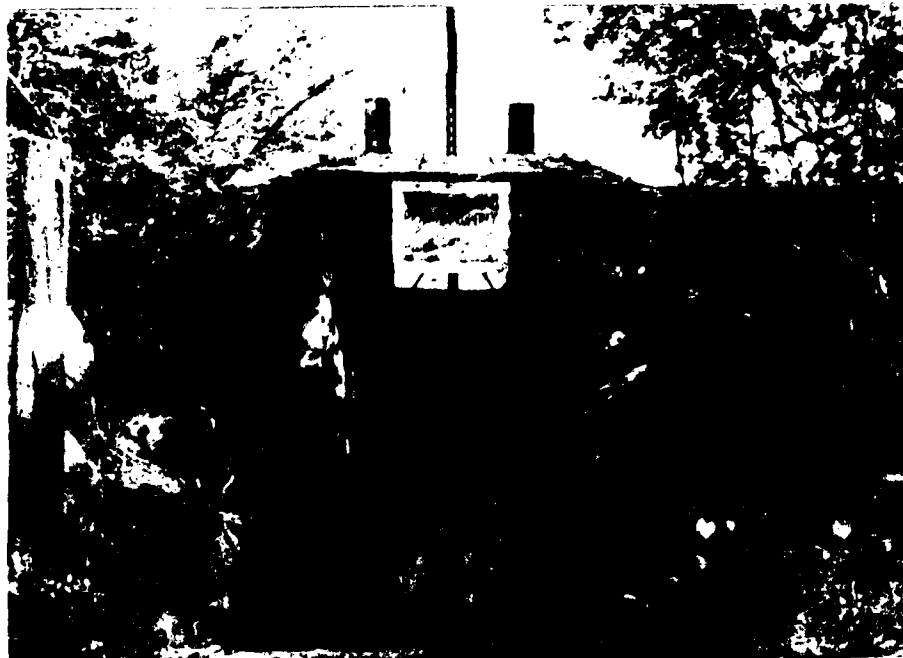


Figure 7 - View looking upstream at outlet structure from center of road.



Figure 8 - Crack near top of east outlet wall.

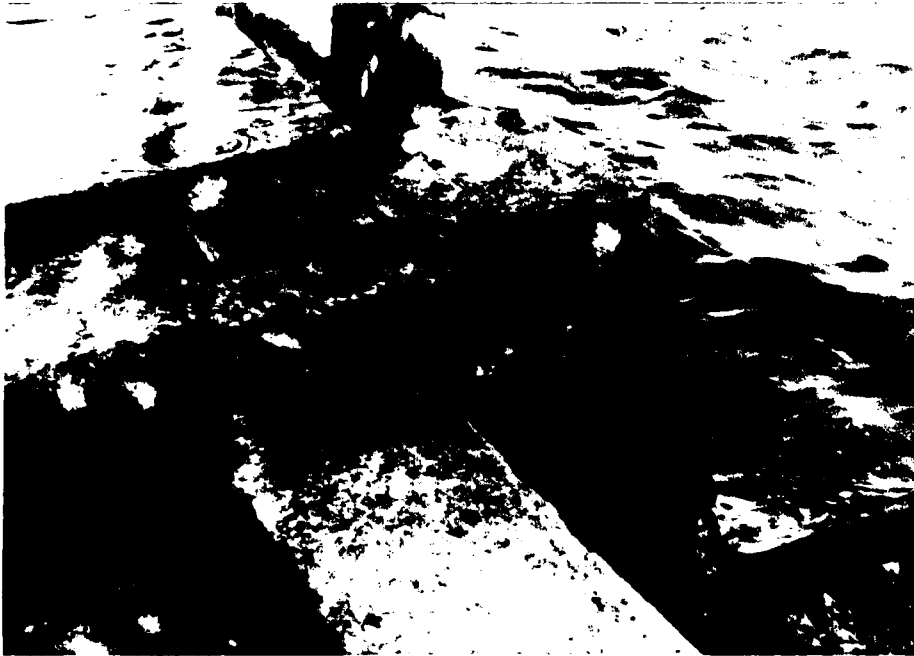


Figure 9 - Crack at intersection of west concrete wingwall and spillway abutment looking from the downstream side.

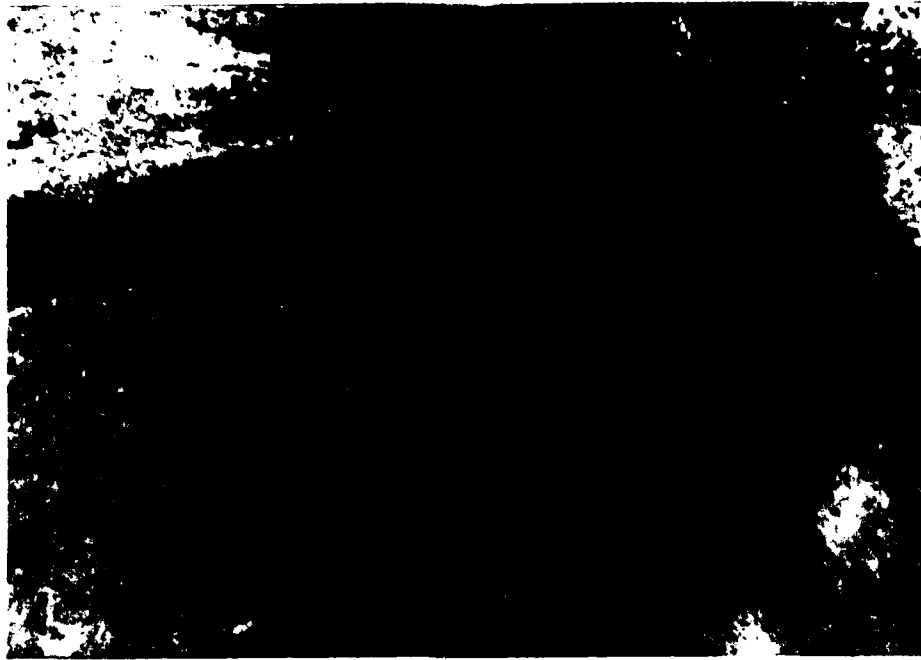


Figure 10 - Same crack as previous figure but looking from upstream side.



Figure 11 - View of seepage near bottom of downstream end of east outlet wall.



Figure 12 - View of seepage near bottom of downstream end of west outlet wall.

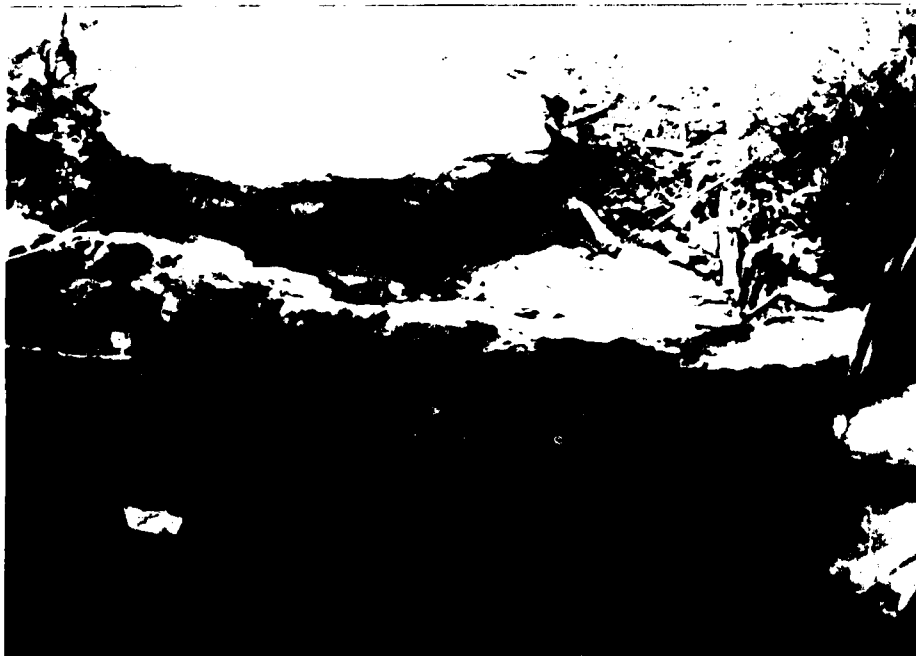
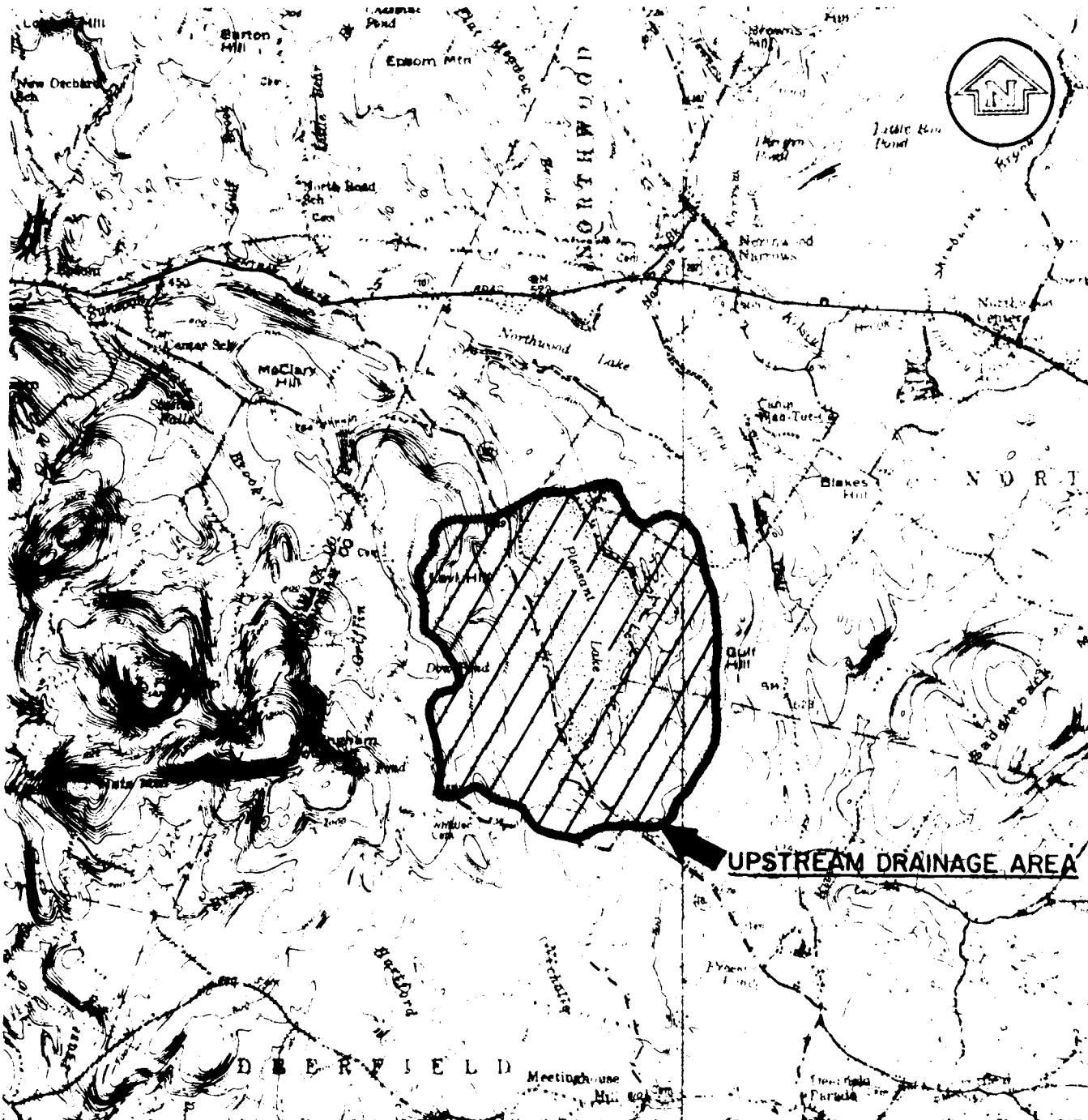


Figure 13 - View of upstream face of twin culverts under road located 11 feet downstream of outlet structure.



Figure 14 - View of downstream channel from north side of road.

APPENDIX D
HYDROLOGY/HYDRAULICS



**NATIONAL PROGRAM OF INSPECTION OF
NON-FED DAMS**

PLEASANT LAKE DAM

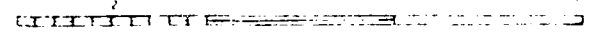
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP

JULY 1978

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NEW ENGLAND DIVISION, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

SCALE IN MILES



MAP BASED ON U.S.G.S. 15 MINUTE QUADRANGLE
SHEET **SUNCOOK, N.H. 1957** and
MT. PAWTUCKAWAY, N.H. 1957

JOB NO. 3141-09 Pleasant Lake DamJARES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
IN. SCALE

$$DA = 3.58 \text{ mi}^2$$

Size Classification = INTERMEDIATE

Hazard Classification = SIGNIFICANT

Inspection Flood = $\frac{1}{2}$ PMF to PMF

Calculate PMF using "Preliminary Guidance For Estimating Maximum Flood Discharges in Phase I Dam Safety Investigations, March 1978"

Use Flat & Coastal

$$\text{@ } 3.58 \text{ mi}^2 \text{ PMF in cfs/mi}^2 = 850$$

P.M.F. for Pleasant Lake is:

$$850 \text{ cfs/mi}^2 \times 3.58 \text{ mi}^2 = 3043 \text{ cfs}$$

$$\text{PEAK INFLOW} = \underline{\underline{3045 \text{ cfs}}}$$

Assume:

C value of 2.8 (used by W.R.B.)

opening height 3'3" or 3.25'

length 2'11" or 2.92'

no stoplogs except those silted in
Solve for PMF

Assume opening conditions as they exist presently i.e. stoplogs silted in.

578 msl - spillway elev. / normal pool elev.
Spillway used as found on day of inspection.

JOB NO. 3141-09

IN. SCALE 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

Step # 2a

Determine weir height to pass peak inflow

TRIAL # 1

Assume elevation equal to dike 3.3' above spillway

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{OUTLET}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(2.92)(3.3)^{3/2} \\ &= 49.01 = 49 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{WEIR}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(110)(0.42)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2}80)(1.3)^{3/2} + \\ &\quad 2.8(100)(1.2)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2}200)(1.1)^{3/2} + \\ &\quad 2.8(170)(0.2)^{3/2} \\ &= 84 + 166 + 368 + 323 + 43 \\ &= 984 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{TOT}} &= Q_{\text{OUT}} + Q_{\text{WEIR}} \\ &= 49 + 984 = \underline{1033} \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

TRIAL # 2

Assume elevation equal to dike 3.8' above spillway

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{OUTLET}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(2.92)(3.8)^{3/2} \\ &= 60.56 = 61 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{WEIR}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(\frac{1}{2}18)(0.92)^{3/2} + 2.8(138)(0.92)^{3/2} + \\ &\quad 2.8(38)(0.5)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2}24)(0.5)^{3/2} + \\ &\quad 2.8(\frac{1}{2}110)(1.8)^{3/2} + 2.8(100)(1.8)^{3/2} + 2.8(234)(1.1)^{3/2} + \\ &\quad 2.8(\frac{1}{2}112)(0.7)^{3/2} + 2.8(56)(0.7)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2}4)(0.7)^{3/2} \\ &= 22 + 341 + 38 + 12 + 372 + 676 + 974 + 92 + 92 + 7 \\ &= 2626 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{TOT}} &= Q_{\text{OUT}} + Q_{\text{WEIR}} \\ &= 61 + 2626 = \underline{2687} \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

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JARES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
IN. SCALE

TRIAL # 3

Assume elevation @ top of dam 4.3' above spillway

$$Q_{\text{OUT}} = CLH^{3/2}$$

$$= 2.8(2.92)(4.3)^{3/2}$$

$$= 72.9 = 73 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{\text{WEIR}} = CLH^{3/2}$$

$$= 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 232)(1.42)^{3/2} + 2.8(140)(1.42)^{3/2} + 2.8(85)(0.5)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(7.75)(0.5)^{3/2} + 2.8(10)(1.0)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 52)(1.0)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(\frac{1}{2} 138)(2.2)^{3/2} + 2.8(100)(2.2)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 380)(2.1)^{3/2}$$

$$2.8(\frac{1}{2} 170)(1.1)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 10)(1.1)^{3/2}$$

$$= 76 + 663 + 8 + 8 + 28 + 73 + 630 + 914 + 1619 +$$

$$275 + 16$$

$$= 4310 \text{ cfs}$$

$$Q_{\text{TOT}} = Q_{\text{OUT}} + Q_{\text{WEIR}}$$

$$= 73 + 4310 = \underline{\underline{4383 \text{ cfs}}}$$

2687 cfs @ 3.8' above spillway
4383 cfs @ 4.3' above spillway

$$\therefore \frac{4383 - 2687}{4.3 - 3.8} = \frac{4383 - 3045}{4}$$

$$\frac{1696}{.50} = \frac{1338}{4}$$

$$v = .39$$

$$4.3 - .39 = 3.91$$

TRIAL # 4

Assume elevation @ 3.9' above spillway

$$Q_{\text{OUTLET}} = CLH^{3/2}$$

$$= 2.8(2.92)(3.9)^{3/2}$$

$$= 63 \text{ cfs}$$

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ACRES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

IN. SCALE ELEV. @ 3.9' ABOVE SPILLWAY

$$Q_{WEIR} = CLH^{3/2}$$

$$= 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 21)(1.02)^{3/2} + 2.8(138)(1.02)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(7.75)(0.1)^{3/2} + 2.8(8.5)(0.1)^{3/2} + 2.8(10)(0.6)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(\frac{1}{2} 50)(0.6)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 138)(1.9)^{3/2} + 2.8(100)(1.9)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(\frac{1}{2} 335)(1.8)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 106)(0.8)^{3/2} +$$

$$2.8(34)(0.8)^{3/2} + 2.8(\frac{1}{2} 9)(0.8)^{3/2}$$

$$= 30 + 398 + 1 + 1 + 13 + 33 + 506 + 733 + 1133 +$$

$$136 + 68 + 9$$

$$= 3061$$

$$Q_{TOT} = Q_{OUT} + Q_{WEIR}$$

$$= 63 + 3061 = \underline{\underline{3124}} \text{ cfs}$$

Storage

From Dam Inventory

Normal - 3240

Maximum - 4750

432 ACRES

468 - calculated 6/12/78 surface area

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ARES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
N. SCALE

'Frustrum of Pyramid'

$$V = \frac{1}{3} h (b_1 + b_2 + \sqrt{b_1 b_2})$$

↑ elev. above normal pool
 ↑ enlarged surface area in ft²
 ↓ normal pool surface area in ft²

Normal pool elev. from quad = 578
Surface area = 468 acres = 20386080 ft²

@ Elev. 580
Surface area = 505 acres = 21997800 ft²

$$V = \frac{1}{3} 2 (20386080 + 21997800 + \sqrt{20386080 \times 21997800})$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} 2 (42383880 + 21176612)$$

$$V = \frac{1}{3} 2 (63560492)$$

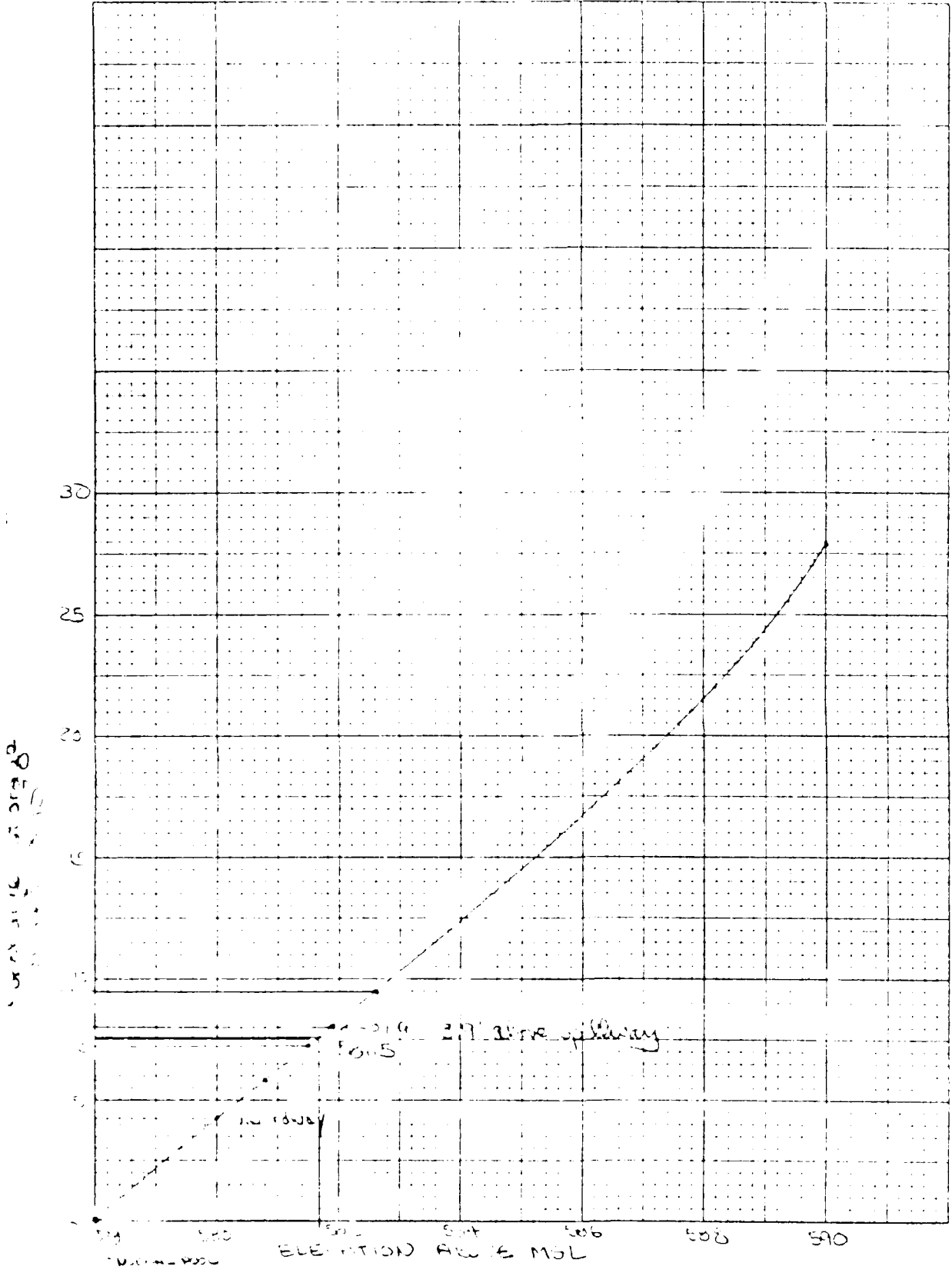
$$V = 42373661 \text{ ft}^3 \quad 4.24 \times 10^7$$

@ Elev. 590 Surface area = 560 acres = 24393600 ft²

$$V = \frac{1}{3} 2 (20386080 + 24393600 + \sqrt{20386080 \times 24393600})$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} 2 (44779680 + 22299997)$$

$$= 268318709.3 \quad = 26.8 \times 10^7$$



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JARES
IN. SCALE

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

2b

@ Surcharge Height to pass PMF 3045 cfs

$$8.0 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3 = \text{Volume}$$

e Spillway

$$0 \text{ ft}^3 = \text{Volume}$$

$$8 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3 \times \frac{1}{3.58 \text{ mi}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mi}^2}{(5280)^2 \text{ ft}^2} = .80 \text{ ft.}$$

$$.80 \text{ ft} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}} = 9.6 \text{ inches runoff}$$

2c

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

$$Q_{p2} = 3045 \text{ cfs} \times \left(1 - \frac{9.6''}{19''}\right)$$

$$Q_{p2} = 1506 \text{ cfs} \approx 1510 \text{ cfs}$$

Step 3a

Determine surcharge height & "STORZ" to Pass "Q_{p2}"

Trial # 1

Assume elevation 3.4' above spillway

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{weir}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(2.92)(3.4)^{3/2} \\ &= 51 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{\text{weir}} &= CLH^{3/2} \\ &= 2.8(130)(0.52)^{3/2} + 2.8(68)(0.1)^{3/2} + 2.8\left(\frac{1}{2} 30\right)(1.4)^{3/2} \\ &\quad + 2.8(100)(1.3)^{3/2} + 2.8(2200)(1.2)^{3/2} + 2.8(170)(0.3)^{3/2} \\ &= 136 + 6 + 186 + 415 + 368 + 78 \\ &= 1189 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

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ARES 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
N. SCALE

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{TOT} &= Q_{OUT} + Q_{WEIR} \\
 &= 51 + 1189 \\
 &= 1240 \text{ cfs}
 \end{aligned}$$

Trial #3

Assume elevation 3.5' above spillway

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{OUTLET} &= CLH^{3/2} \\
 &= 2.8(2.92)(3.5)^{3/2} \\
 &= 54 \text{ cfs}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{WEIR} &= CLH^{3/2} \\
 &= 2.8(210)(0.62)^{3/2} + 2.8(130)(0.62)^{3/2} + 2.8(50)(0.2)^{3/2} + \\
 &\quad 2.8(290)(1.4)^{3/2} + 2.8(100)(1.5)^{3/2} + 2.8(2250)(1.3)^{3/2} + \\
 &\quad 2.8(130)(0.4)^{3/2} \\
 &= 7 + 178 + 13 + 209 + 514 + 519 + 92 \\
 &= 1532 \text{ cfs}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{TOT} &= Q_{OUT} + Q_{WEIR} \\
 &= 1532 + 54 = 1586 \text{ cfs @ 3.5' above spillway}
 \end{aligned}$$

From St-Elev Curve:

$$@ 578 + 3.5 = 581.5$$

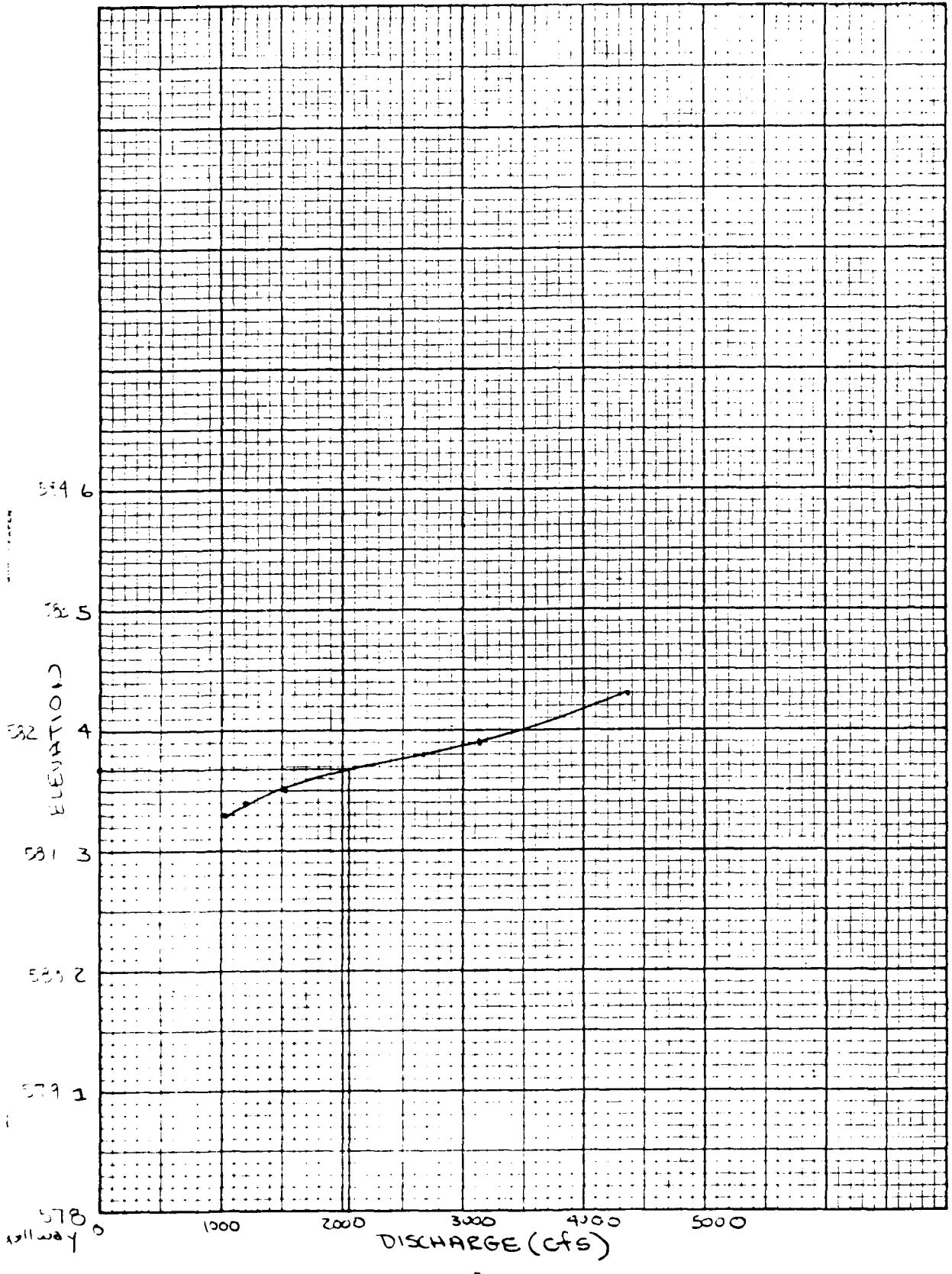
① Surge Height to pass Q_p of 1510 cfs

$$7.25 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3 = \text{Volume}$$

$$7.25 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3 \times \frac{1}{3.58 \text{ mi}^2} \times \frac{1 \text{ mi}^2}{(2480)^2 \text{ ft}^2} = 0.73 \text{ ft.}$$

$$0.73 \text{ ft.} \times \frac{12 \text{ in}}{\text{ft}} = 8.7'' \text{ surge in inches of runoff}$$

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INCHES
SCALE 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

3b

STOR 1 = 9.6" runoff
STOR 2 = 8.7" runoff

Average = 9.15" runoff or 0.76'

$$0.76' \times \frac{3.58 \text{ mi}^2}{1} \times \frac{(5280)^2 \text{ ft}^2}{1 \text{ mi}^2} = 7.61 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$$

REFER TO STORAGE VS. ELEVATION CURVE:

$7.61 \times 10^7 \text{ ft}^3$ reads ELEVATION = 581.68

REFER TO ELEVATION VS DISCHARGE CURVE:

ELEVATION 581.68 = 2050 cfs

ELEVATION = 3.68' above spillway

PMF - spillway inadequate to handle PMF;
Overtopping.

1/2 PMF - spillway inadequate to handle 1/2 PMF;
Overtopping.

JOB NO. 3141-09 Pleasant Lake Dam

JARES IN. SCALE 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

D/S Hazard Analysis - using maximum pool elevation of 580 to determine breach discharge

Storage @ time of failure - 4215 AC-FT

Step 2. $Q_{p1} = \frac{2}{27} W_b \sqrt{g} Y_o^{3/2}$
 W_b = breach width
 $g = 32.2 \text{ ft/sec}^2$
 Y_o = pool elev. → river bed

@ Pleasant Lake Dam

$W_b = 200'$
 $g = 32.2 \text{ ft/sec}^2$
 $Y_o = 580 - 574$
 $Y_o = 6'$

From above equation: $Q = 4942$

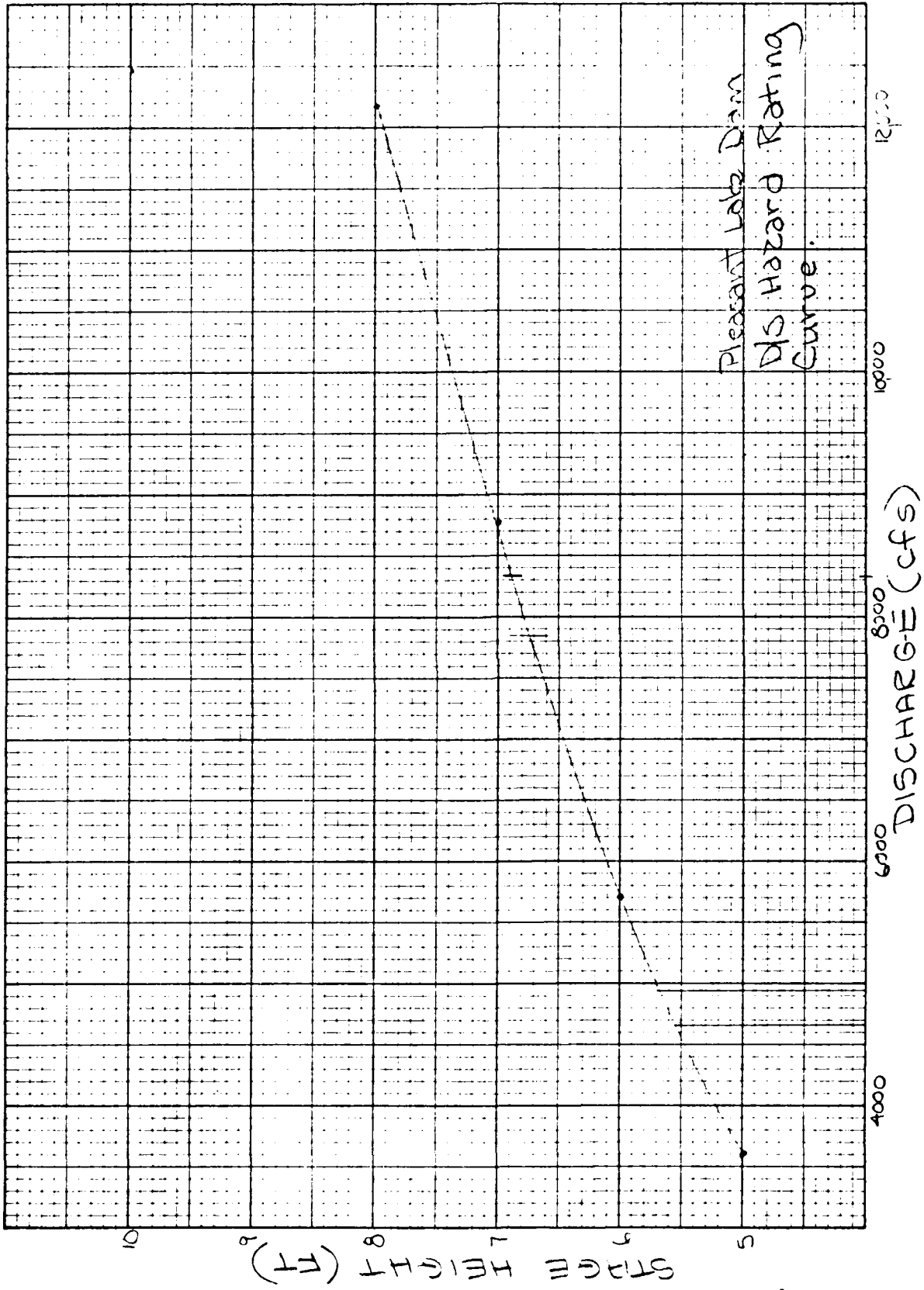
Use the rating curve established from typical section of downstream reach (outlet to confluence with Northwood Lake, a distance of 1.3 miles). (See Page 13)

Q of 4942 - Stage 5.7'
 Reach length - 6864'
 Area @ 5.7' stage $\approx 1500 \text{ ft}^2 = 236 \text{ AC-FT}$

$Q_{p2} = 4942 \left(1 - \frac{236}{4215}\right)$
 $= 4665 \text{ cfs}$
 Stage = 5.55'
 Area $\approx 1410 \text{ ft}^2 = 222 \text{ AC-FT}$

$Q_{p2} = 4942 \left(1 - \frac{229}{4215}\right)$
 $= 4673 \text{ cfs}$
 Stage = 5.55' = use 5.6' stage along downstream reach into Northwood Lake

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APPENDIX E
INFORMATION AS
CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL
INVENTORY OF DAMS



INVENTORY OF DAMS IN THE UNITED STATES

IDENTITY NUMBER	STATE	COUNTY	DIST.	CORNER	CONTR.	NAME	LATITUDE (NORTH)	LONGITUDE (WEST)	REPORT DATE (DAY | MO | YR)
NH 179 NED	NH	015	01			PLEASANT LAKE DAM	4312.1	7116.3	18AUG78

POPULAR NAME	NAME OF IMPOUNDMENT			
	PLEASANT LAKE			
REGION/BASIN	RIVER OR STREAM	NEAREST DOWNSTREAM CITY-TOWN-VILLAGE	DIST. FROM DAM (MI.)	POPULATION
01104	TR-LITTLE SUNCOOK RIVER	EPSOM	4	1500

TYPE OF DAM	YEAR COMPLETED	PURPOSES	HYDRAULIC HEIGHT (FT.)	IMPOUNDING CAPACITIES (ACRE-FT.)	NORMAL						
						MAXIMUM					
REERCTPG	1921	R	11	10	4215	3240	NED	N	N	N	10AUG78

REMARKS

D/S HAS	SPILLWAY	MAXIMUM DISCHARGE (FT.)	VOLUME OF DAM (CV)	POWER CAPACITY (KW)	INSTALLED	PROPOSED	NO.	NAVIGATION LOCKS
2	1180	C	3	85	26000			

OWNER	ENGINEERING BY	CONSTRUCTION BY
TOWN OF DEERFIELD, N.H.		

DESIGN	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATION	MAINTENANCE
NH WATER RES BD	NHWRB	NHWRB	NHWRB

INSPECTION BY	INSPECTION DATE (DAY MO YR)	AUTHORITY FOR INSPECTION
ANDERSON-NICHOLS + COMPANY INC	31MAY78	PL 92-367

REMARKS

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