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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

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Honorable Hugh J. Gallen Governor of the State of New Hampshire State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Dear Governor Gallen:

I am forwarding to you a copy of the Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 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 and owner of the project.

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,

Incl As stated MAX B. SCHEIDER Colonel, Corps of Engineers Division Engineer



SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED DAM NO. 35 NH 00435

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BRIEF ASSESSMENT

The Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35-is located on the West Branch of the Souhegan River approximately 3/8 of a mile upstream of Smithville, New Hampshire. The dam>is an earth embankment 1209 feet long and 30 feet high with a drop inlet service spillway structure and a 36 inch outlet conduit. An emergency spillway 255 feet wide is cut into the left abutment.

The dam is owned by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board. It was designed by the Soil Conservation Service for the purpose of flood protection in the Souhegan River Watershed.

The drainage area of the dam covers 6.3 square miles and is made up primarily of rolling woodland. The dam impounds only 65 acre-feet at low stage but has a maximum impoundment of 1787 acre-feet. The dam is INTERMEDIATE in size and its hazard classification is HIGH since significant property damage and loss of life could result in the event of a dam failure.

The test flood for this dam is the Probable Maximum Flood. The peak inflow for this flood is 17,160 cfs (2,724 cfs). Because of storage, the resulting peak discharge is 12,670 cfs compared to a spillway capacity of 13,061 cfs. The water surface would be at elevation 1,089.9 feet (MSL) or 0.1 feet below the top of the dam for this flood.

The dam is in GOOD condition at the present time. Remedial measures to be undertaken by the owner include; monitoring the seepage through the headwall, and, under high reservoir conditions, through the right toe drain; filling in animal burrows; mowing of slopes; removing shrubs or saplings and filling holes left by their roots; removing debris from trash racks; operating the pond drain gate as part of the annual inspection procedure, and developing a formal written emergency flood warning system for the dam. No conditions were observed which warrant the attention of a registered engineer.

The remedial measures outlined above should be implemented within two years of receipt of this report by the owner, however, the program of annual technical inspections should be continued.



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This Phase I Inspection Report on Souhegan River Watershed Dam, No. 35 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 judgement and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.

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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 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.

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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 unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase I inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with the established Guidelines, the 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 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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PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED DAM NO. 35

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. Goldberg, Zoino, Dunnicliff & Associates, Inc. (GZD) 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 GZD under a letter of March 30, 1979 from Colonel John P. Chandler, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-79-C-0058 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

(b) Purpose

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1) 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) Encourage and prepare the states to initiate quickly effective dam safety programs for non-federal dams.

3) Update, verify, and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

(c) Scope

The program provides for the inspection of nonfederal dams in the high hazard potential category based upon location of the dams, and those dams in the significant hazard potential category believed to represent an immediate danger based on condition of the dams.

1.2 Description of Project

(a) Location

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The Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 is located on the West Branch of the Souhegan River approximately 3/8 of a mile upstream of Smithville, New Hampshire. It can be reached from Binney Hill Road which intersects Smithville Road which intersects State Route 123A in New Ipswich, New Hampshire. The dam is shown on USGS, Ashby-MA, quadrangle at approximately coordinates N 42° 44.1', W 71° 52.9'. (See location map on page v). Figure 1 of Appendix B is a site plan for this dam.

(b) Description of Dam and Appurtenances

The dam consists of an earth embankment with an earthfill cutoff trench below the embankment, a principal spillway with a reinforced concrete riser and outlet pipe, and an emergency spillway located at the left abutment. The total length of the dam is 1464 feet, of which 255 feet is the emergency spillway.

1) Embankment (See pgs. B-3, 4 & 7)

The embankment is made up primarily of silty, clayey sand (SC-SM). It is 1,209 feet long with a 30 degree bend approximately 600 feet from the right abutment and is a maximum of 30 feet high. The upstream slope is 3.5 horizontal to 1 vertical; the downstream slope is 3 horizontal to 1 vertical; and the width of the crest is 14 feet.

Beneath the embankment is an earthfill cutoff trench which is 12 feet wide at the bottom. According to available plans, it is constructed of the same material as the embankment. The cutoff trench was designed to extend through sand and gravel layers to underlying, less permeable soil.

The dam is founded in glacial till and outwash at the left abutment. In the center section it is founded in alluvium made up of stratified fine grained soil. The right abutment and portions of the center section are founded in a deep kame terrace of clean sand and gravel.

2) Principal Spillway (See pgs. B-6 & 8)

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The principal spillway consists of a reinforced concrete drop inlet structure with a sluice gate controlled inlet pipe and two uncontrolled orifice inlets, a 36 inch outlet pipe supported on a concrete cradle, and an impact basin.

The riser structure is 16 feet high and 11 feet wide normal to the axis of the dam. It is 5 feet long parallel to the embankment and flares to 17 feet long at the top. The walls of the structure are 12 inches thick and the top slab is 8 inches thick.

At the base of the structure is a 24 inch diameter, vertical lift, sluice gate inlet which is controlled by a wheel operated bench stand with a rising stem. A 24 inch diameter, asphalt coated, corrugated metal pipe extends 10 feet upstream from the left gate into the impoundment pool. Plans indicate a reinforced concrete inlet structure at the upstream end of this pipe which is protected by a trash rack of painted steel angle sections placed horizontally across the opening.

The "low stage inlet" is an uncontrolled opening approximately 4.5 feet above the sluice gate invert. It is 3 feet wide and 1 foot 10 inches high and is located in the upstream face of the riser structure. The water flows over this orifice and drops into the riser structure. It is protected by a trash rack assembly approximately 7 feet high and 3 feet, 9 inches wide. This assembly is fabricated from painted steel angle sections.

The "high stage inlet" consists of two openings approximately 13.3 feet above the sluice gate invert. They are 9 feet wide and 1.5 feet high and are located in the left and right sides of the flared portion of the riser structure. They are protected by a galvanized steel grating 10 fee. long and 25 inches high placed in front of each high stage opening. A 30 inch diameter manhole permits access into the riser structure.

The riser structure is drained by a 36 inch diameter reinforced concrete pressure pipe. It is approximately 161 feet long and drops approximately one foot over that length. The pipe penetrates the downstream side of the riser structure and the earth embankment, and is supported by an 8 inch concrete cradle within the embankment. Plans indicate 5 concrete anti-seep collars cast around the pipe within the embankment.

The pipe outlets into an impact basin constructed of reinforced concrete. This structure is similar to that outlined in "Design of Small Dams," Chapter VIII, Section E as printed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

3) Emergency Spillway (See pgs. B-3 & 4)

The emergency spillway was excavated in the left abutment. It curves to the right around the embankment and is 255 feet wide at the control section. It is approximately 700 feet long and lies approximately 7 feet below the top of the embankment. The side slopes are 2 horizontal to 1 vertical.

4) Foundation and Embankment Drainage (See pg. B-5)

Toe drains extend from 115 feet to the left of the outlet to 666 feet to the right of the outlet (station 11 + 50 to station 19 + 31). These drains consist of a 4 foot wide trench drain of clean sand containing a 12 inch diameter, perforated, bituminous coated, corrugated metal pipe which outlets into the impact basin.

(c) Size Classification

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The dam's maximum impoundment of 1,787 acre feet and height of 30 feet place it in the INTERMEDIATE size category according to the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines.

(d) Hazard Potential Classification

The hazard potential classification for this dam is HIGH because of the significant economic losses and potential for loss of life downstream in the event of dam failure. Section 5 of this report presents more detailed discussion of the hazard potential.

(e) Ownership

The dam is owned by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board, 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301. They can be reached by telephone at area code 603-271-3406.

(f) Operator

The operation of the dam is controlled by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board. Key officials are as follows:

George McGee, Chairman Vernon Knowlton, Chief Engineer Donald Rapoza, Assistant Chief Engineer

The Board's telephone number is 603-271-3406. Alternatively, the Board can be reached through the state capital at 603-271-1110.

(g) <u>Purpose of the Dam</u>

The purpose of the dam is to reduce downstream flooding by providing temporary storage for the runoff from 4026 acres of watershed. This temporary storage is released through the low and high stage inlets of the principal spillway.

(h) Design and Construction History

The dam was designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service in conjunction with the New Hampshire Water Resources Board. It was completed in 1965.

(i) Normal Operating Procedure

The dam is self regulating. The pond 'rain gate is operated as part of infrequent maintenance checks.

1.3 Pertinent Data

(a) Drainage Area

The drainage area for this dam covers 6.3 square miles (4026 acres). It is made up primarily of rolling woodland with some pasture and minor development.

(b) Discharge at Damsite

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1) Outlet Works

Normal discharge at the site is through the 36 inch diameter outlet pipe. In the event of severe flooding water would flow over the emergency spillway. The invert of the low stage orifice is at elevation 1067.0 feet (MSL). The invert of the high stage orifice is at elevation 1075.8 feet (MSL).

2) Maximum Known Flood

There is no data available for the maximum known flood at this damsite.

3) Ungated Spillway Capacity at Top of Dam

The capacity of the principal spillway with the reservoir at top of dam elevation (1090 feet MSL) is 161 cfs. The capacity of the emergency spillway is 12,900 cfs at this level.

4) Ungated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

The capacity of the principal spillway with the reservoir at test flood elevation (1089.9 feet MSL) is 159 cfs. The capacity of the emergency spillway is 12,511 cfs at this level.

5) Gated Spillway Capacity at Normal Pool

There are no gated spillways. The gated pond drain inlet is normally closed.

6) Gated Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

As stated previously, there are no gated spill-ways.

7) Total Spillway Capacity at Test Flood

The total spillway capacity at test flood ele-vation (1089.9 feet MSL) is 12,670 cfs.

8) Project Discharge at Test Flood

The total project discharge at test flood elevation (1089.9 feet MSL) is 12,670 cfs.

(c)	Ele	vation (feet above MSL)	
	1)	Streambed at centerline of dam: 1056 \pm	
	2)	Maximum tailwater: Unknown (1062.0 = normal)	نىشىنىت مىرىمى ب ە يسىدىن ھىر
	3)	Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: not applicable	
	4)	Normal pool: 1067.0	
	5)	Full flood control pool: 1083.0	
	6)	Spillway crest:	
		a) Pond drain inlet: 1062.5	
		b) Low stage inlet: 1067.0	
		c) High stage inlet: 1075.8	
		d) Emergency spillway: 1083.0	
	7)	Design surcharge: 1085.4	
	8)	Top dam: 1090.0	
	9)	Test flood design surcharge: 1089.9	
(d)	Res	ervoir	
	1)	Length of maximum pool: 4,400 <u>+</u> ft.	
	2)	Length of normal pool: 1,500 ± ft.	
	3)	Length of flood control pool: 4,400 + ft.	•
(e)	Sto	orage (acre feet)	
	1)	Normal pool: 65.0	
	2)	Flood control pool: 933	
	3)	Spillway crest Pool:	
		a) Low stage inlet: 65	
		b) High stage inlet: 382	•
		c) Emergency spillway: 933	

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	4)	Top of dam: 1,787
	5)	Test flood pool: 1,773
(f)	Res	ervoir Surface (acres)
	1)	Normal pool: 23
	2)	Flood control pool: 98
	3)	Spillway crest pool:
		a) Low stage inlet; 23
		b) High stage inlet: 54
		c) Emergency spillway: 98
	4)	Test Flood: 144
	5)	Top of dam: 144.6
(g)	Dam	
	1)	Type: Earth embankment
	2)	Length: 1,209 ft.
	3)	Height: 30 ft.
	4)	Top width: 14 ft.
	5)	Side slopes: Upstream: 3.5 to 1 Downstream: 3 to 1
	6)	Zoning: Homogeneous, semi-pervious, silty clayey sand
	7)	Impervious core: None
	8)	Cutoff: 12 ft. wide, earthfill
	9).	Grout curtain: None
(h)	Div	ersion and Regulating Tunnel

Not applicable

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i)	Spillways
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- 1) Type:
 - a) Principal spillway: Reinforced concrete Drop Inlet
 - b) Emergency spillway: Grass covered earth channel cut in left abutment
- 2) Length of Weir:
 - a) Pond drain inlet: 24 inch diameter pipe
 - b) Low stage inlet: 3 ft.
 - c) High stage inlet: 18 ft.
 - d) Emergency spillway: 255 ft.
- 3) <u>Crest elevation</u> (Ft. above MSL)
 - a) Pond drain inlet: 1062.5
 - b) Low stage inlet: 1067.0
 - c) High stage inlet: 1075.8
 - d) Emergency spillway: 1083.0
- 4) Gates: 24 inch vertical lift sluice gate on pond drain inlet
- 5) Upstream channel: Reservoir
- 6) Downstream channel: Narrow channel leading directly into the pond of another dam

(j) Regulating Outlet

The only regulating outlet is a 24 inch diameter pipe controlled by a wheel operated sluice gate. The pipe invert is at elevation 1062.5 feet (MSL). The purpose of this outlet is pond drainage, and it is normally closed.

2.1 Design Data

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Among other design data available from the Soil Conservation Service are hydrologic and hydraulic computations, structural computations, a geological report, soil laboratory test results, and slope stability analysis computations. This information was used extensively in the computations presented in Section 5 and Appendix D of this report.

2.2 Construction Data

"As built" plans are available for this dam and show good agreement with the design plans and the visual inspection.

2.3 Operational Data

No operational data is available as the dam is self regulating.

2.4 Evaluation_of Data

(a) <u>Availability</u>

Sufficient data is available to permit an evaluation of the dam when combined with findings of the visual inspection.

(b) Adequacy

There is sufficient design and construction data to permit an assessment of dam safety when combined with the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgment.

(c) Validity

Since the observations of the inspection team generally confirm the available data, a satisfactory evaluation for validity is indicated.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 Findings

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(a) <u>General</u>

The Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 is in GOOD condition at the present time.

(b) Dam

1) Earth Embankment (See Photos #1, 2, 6 & 7)

Small animal burrows were found in the downstream slope, small saplings were growing in the right downstream slope, and tire ruts 6 to 8 inches deep were found in the right upstream slope. Some erosion from wave action has occurred on the upstream slope to the right of the riser structure. This erosion is 4 to 6 inches deep. The slope is not protected by rip rap.

The toe drains were functioning with the left toe drain discharging approximately two gallons per minute and the right toe drain discharging approximately fifty gallons per minute. The discharge is clear.

During the design phase, estimates of water loss were made assuming water surface at elevation 1067 feet (MSL). These estimates predict the flow in the right toe drain to be approximately 15 gallons per minute. The present flows are not excessive but are higher than originally predicted.

2) Emergency Spillway (See Photo #5)

The emergency spillway is in good condition. There are wet spots in the channel but these are caused by natural groundwater.

(c) <u>Appurtemant Structure</u>

1) Drop Inlet Service Spillway Structure (See Photos # 3 & 4

This structure was observed from the embankment since the ladder was too short to permit access to the structure.

The structure is in good condition with no evidence of spalling, cracking, or efflorescence. The sluice gate bench stand is in good condition. The hand wheel has been removed from the site to prevent unauthorized use. The trash racks are in good condition, however, a considerable amount of debris, including tree stumps, is entangled at the low stage inlet.

2) Pond Drain Inlet Pipe

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At the time of inspection the 24 inch pond drain inlet pipe was completely submerged and could not be observed.

3) Outlet Conduit (See Photo #10)

The downstream end of this conduit is in good condition with the exception that the preformed joint filler between the outside wall of the pipe and the impact basin head wall has been washed out.

4) Impact Basin (See Photo #6, 7, 8 & 9)

This structure shows signs of minor deterioration. The base of the downstream side of the baffle wall shows minor erosion from cavitation. The upstream face was submerged and could not be observed. The left end of the service platform has spalled over a 12 inch by 4 inch area. This spalling is attributed to excessive concrete vibration. A reinforcing rod located on the top surface is exposed. Immediately to the left of the outlet conduit there is honey combing 9 inches long and 1 inch high in the headwall. There is minor seepage through the honeycombed surface. The left sidewall is stained at the location of the toe drain outlet. There is no safety barrier around this structure.

(d) Reservoir Area

The shore of the reservoir is generally shallow sloping woodland. It appears stable and in good condition.

(e) Downstream Channel

The downstream channel is a narrow channel passing over relatively flat ground and leading directly into Water Loom Pond. The channel appears stable and in good condition.

3.2 Evaluation

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The dam is generally in good condition. The impact basin is in fair condition. The potential problems noted during the visual inspection are listed below.

- a) Animal burrows in downstream slope of embankment.
- b) Saplings growing in downstream slope of embankment.
- c) Debris in trash racks.
- d) Seepage through headwall of impact basin.
- e) Seepage from right toe drain.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Procedures

No written operational procedures exist for this dam. The dam is self regulating.

4.2 <u>Maintenance of Dam</u>

An annual inspection is made jointly by the New Hampshire Water Resources Board and the Soil Conservation Service. Recommendations resulting from this inspection are implemented by the NHWRB.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

Operation of the sluice gate for the pond drain inlet is checked approximately once every four or five years by NHWRB.

4.4 Description of Warning System in Effect

There is no warning system in effect.

4.5 Evaluation

The established operational procedures for this dam are generally satisfactory. Additional emphasis on routine maintenance will assist the owners in assuring the long-term safety of the dam.

SECTION 5 - HYDROLOGY/HYDRAULICS

5.1 Evaluation of Features

(a) <u>General</u>

Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 is a Soil Conservation Service (SCS) flood control dam on the West Branch of the Souhegan River in New Ipswich, New Hampshire. The dam is about 300 feet upstream of Binney Hill Road, and about 2,300 feet upstream of the village of Smithville. The upstream drainage area is 6.3 square miles with rolling topography.

The dam itself is a 1,209 foot earthen embankment with a 255 foot wide grass-lined, emergency spillway. The principal spillway consists of three orifices located on a riser in the reservoir. Flow from the orifices proceeds under the dam through a 36 inch diameter, reinforced concrete pipe.

(b) Design Data

The elevation of the low stage inlet was determined by the 50 year sedimentation level of the watershed. The high stage inlet was set to allow storage of the four year, six hour storm without water passing over the high stage inlet. The emergency spillway crest was set to allow storage of the 100 year storm and the top of dam was determined based on the Probable Maximum Flood

The data sources available for Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 include the Soil Conservation Service's (SCS) "Hydrology and Hydraulics" Design Calculations. These calculations include Storage-Elevation and Stage-Discharge curves for the dam, and the routing of storms of various magnitudes through the reservoir. These calculations are dated 1962 and 1963.

Also available are SCS "Maintenance Checklist" reports on dam inspections dated May 19, 1977 and June 16, 1978; and a July 19, 1978 SCS memorandum discussing damage to the control section of the emergency spillway.

The Soil Conservation Service As-Built plans, dated 1963, are also available for this dam.

(c) Experience Data

No records of flow or stage are known to be available for Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35.

(d) <u>Visual Observations</u>

Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 is a flood control structure on the West Branch of the Souhegan River about 2,300 feet upstream of the village of Smithville, New Hampshire. The dam consists of a 1,209 foot long earthen embankment with a crest elevation of 1,090 feet MSL.

The emergency spillway is a 255 foot wide grasslined channel, with its crest at 1,083 feet MSL, and with a 410 foot approach from the lake and 2:1 side slopes. The principal spillway consists of a concrete riser structure in the reservoir with three orifices. The flow from these orifices combines in the riser and flows under the dam through a 36 inch reinforced concrete pipe 160.6 feet long.

The channel immediately downstream of the dam is the tail end of a small pond created by a dam about 500 feet downstream of the Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35. This pond is crossed by Binney Hill Road between Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 and the pond's dam.

The first development in the flood plain downstream of the dam is the village of Smithville, which is built around another pond on the West Branch of the Souhegan. This pond is created by a 15 foot high wood and rubble dam. Goen Road crosses the pond about 50 feet upstream of this dam. The pond crosses under Goen Road through a 13 foot by 7.7 foot arch corrugated metal culvert. There are two houses at about the level of the road upstream from Goen Road, and two more houses are located downstream of the road. One of these houses is at road level. The other is four feet above road level.

Downstream of Smithville, the West Branch enters a steep, narrow gorge for a few hundred feet, and then runs about 1.5 miles to Ashby Road. The only development in this stretch is a lumber yard on the north bank. The bridge at Ashby Road is a concrete structure with a 12.5 foot by 28 foot rectangular opening. Just downstream of this road is a house with a garage apartment 12 to 14 feet above the streambed.

The West Branch then runs about 1/2 mile to River Road, and another 1/8 mile to join the Souhegan River just upstream of Water Loom Pond.

(e) <u>Test Flood Analysis</u>

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The hydrologic conditions of interest in this Phase I investigation are those required to assess the dam's overtopping potential and its ability to safely allow an appropriately large flood to pass. This requires using the discharge and storage characteristics of the structure to evaluate the impact of an appropriately sized Test Flood. The original hydraulic and hydrologic design calculations of the SCS are available for this dam.

Guidelines for establishing a recommended Test Flood based on the size and hazard classification of a dam are specified in the "Recommended Guidelines" of the Corps of Engineers. The maximum impoundment of 1,787 acre feet and the height of 30 feet classify this dam as an INTERMEDIATE structure.

The appropriate hazard classification for this dam is HIGH because of the significant economic losses and potential for loss of life in the event of dam failure. As shown in the following section, the increase in flooding caused by failure would pose a threat to property and to lives in the village of Smithville, where three houses would be seriously flooded, and others would also receive damage. Other impacts of dam failure include possible damage to several well-travelled roads, damage to a lumber yard, and damage to Water Loom Pond Dam on the Souhegan and structures downstream of that dam (see Dam Failure Analysis section).

As shown in Table 3 of the Corps of Engineers' "Recommended Guidelines," the appropriate Test Flood for a dam classified as INTERMEDIATE in size with a HIGH hazard potential would be the probable maximum flood (PMF). As part of their hydraulic and hydrologic design calculations for the dam, the SCS created a "Freeboard Hydrograph" (equivalent to the PMF) and routed it through the reservoir using a storage router. The peak inflow is 17,160 cfs, which is 2,724 csm on a 6.3 square mile drainage area. This compares to the 1,780 csm given on the Corps of Engineers' "Maximum Probable Peak Flow Rates" curve assuming rolling topography, and 2100 csm assuming mountainous topography. The SCS storage routing, which begins with the reservoir level at 1,068 feet MSL (1.0 feet above normal pool) gives a peak outflow of 12,670 cfs with the water surface at 1,089.9 feet MSL, 0.1 foot below the top of the dam. The reservoir's drawdown time from the emergency spillway crest (1,083.0 feet MSL) to 1,068 feet MSL is 6.2 days.

(f) Dam Failure Analysis

The peak outflow that would result from the failure of Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 is estimated using the procedure suggested in the Corps of Engineers New England Division's April 1978 "Rule of Thumb Guidelines for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs," as clarified in a December 7, 1978 meeting at the Corps' Waltham office. Normally this procedure is carried out with dam failure assumed to occur when the water surface reaches the top of the dam. In this case, however, the outflow of 13,061 cfs with the water surface at the top of the dam (1,090 feet MSL) is greater than the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) routed outflow at the dam. Also. this outflow would create serious flooding downstream prior to dam failure. Therefore, failure is assumed to occur with the water surface at the SCS Design High water of 1,085.4 feet MSL, 4.6 feet below the top of the dam.

The discharge just prior to failure at this elevation is given by the Stage-Discharge curve developed in Appendix D as 2,625 cfs. The tailwater elevation prior to failure at this discharge would be about 1,067.3 feet MSL (7 feet of flow in the channel).

For an assumed breach width equal to 40% of the dam width at the half-height, the gap in the embankment due to failure would be 180 feet. The resulting increase in flow would be 23,300 cfs, or a total flow of about 26,000 cfs. This would increase the tailwater elevation by 6 feet. The only location of interest immediately downstream of the dam is the bridge across Binney Hill Road, which would probably be damaged by the dam failure outflow.

The next damage center downstream on the West Branch of the Souhegan would be the village of Smithville, about 2,300 feet from the dam. The channel leading to the village is a series of linked ponds whose storage would attenuate the peak outflow somewhat. Smithville consists of 10 to 15 houses located on a pond created by a small dam on the West Branch. Fifty feet upstream of this dam, Goen Road crosses the pond. There are four houses which would be seriously affected by dam failure flooding. Two are upstream of the road at road level (12 feet above the streambed) and two are downstream of the road, one at road level and one four feet above road level.

At high flows, the controlling cross-section at Smithville is Goen Road, which is on an embankment with a 13 foot by 7.7 foot corrugated metal arch culvert. It is quite possible that the embankment would wash out under dam failure flows, but this area would still serve as a constriction, since the West Branch of the Souhegan enters a narrow rock gorge just downstream of the town.

The pre-failure flow of 2625 cfs would create a water surface 2 feet above the roadway, 14 feet above the streambed. This would cause significant flooding in the three lowest houses around the pond. After dam failure, the attenuated peak flow at Smithville would be 22,800 cfs, which would result in a water surface 8 feet above Goen Road (20 feet above the streambed) an increase of 6 feet. This would certainly cause serious damage to the three low-lying houses, and would create flooding at the house four feet above the streambed. In addition, 3 to 5 other houses in Smithville could receive minor flooding. If the Goen Road embankment were to fail, the flood levels at Smithville might be lowered somewhat, although they would still be dangerously high. The sudden increase in flooding at Smithville caused by dam failure presents a threat of loss of life.

The West Branch of the Souhegan passes through the rocky gorge downstream of Smithville and enters a relatively broad flood plain. The next damage center is a lumber yard located about twelve feet above the streambed 3,800 feet downstream of Smithville. The pre-failure outflow of 2,625 cfs would result in 8 feet of flow in the channel in this area. After dam failure the attenuated peak flow at the lumber yard would be 19,500 cfs, which would cause the depth of flow to increase 5 feet to 13 feet. This flow would probably cause some flooding at the lumber yard, and might damage stored lumber.

The West Branch of the Souhegan then runs 2800 feet through a broad flood plain to a bridge under Ashby Road. The attenuated flow at Ashby Road would be 17,500 cfs, and the depth of flow would increase from 7 feet to 10 feet. This flow might damage the bridge at Ashby Road. Just downstream of Ashby Road, there is a house with an attached garage apartment. The apartment is about twelve feet above the streambed and the house about fourteen feet. These would probably escape serious flooding after dam failure.

From Ashby Road the stream proceeds about 3400 feet to the junction with the Souhegan River. In this reach the West Branch passes under River Road, which would probably be damaged by dam failure outflow. The attenuated peak failure flow at the juncture with the Souhegan River would be 15,000 cfs, and the flow depth would increase from 7 to 9 feet above the streambed. There are no dwellings in this reach.

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The Souhegan is a wide, meandering stream with a broad, marshy flood plain in this area. Within 2500 feet of its juncture with the West Branch, the Souhegan enters Water Loom Pond. The inflow to Water Loom Pond caused by the failure of Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35 would raise the stage in Water Loom Pond considerably. Whether this increase would cause overtopping and/or failure of Water Loom Pond Dam is dependent on antecedent water levels in the pond and other factors. The separate report on Water Loom Pond Dam discusses the possible downstream impacts of failure of this dam.

The following table summarizes the effects of the failure of Souhegan River Watershed Dam No. 35.

IMPACT OF DAM FAILURE

	Flow D	epth		
Location Number (see map, page_D-17)	Before Failure (ft.)	After Failure (ft.)	Peak Flow After Attenuation (cfs)	Comments
At Dam	-	-	26,000	
1. Tail- water, and at Binney Hill Rd.	7	13	26,000	Could damage or destroy Binney Hill Rd. Bridge
2. Smith- ville at Road	14	20	22,800	Increases flooding at two houses from 2 ft. to 8 ft. At 3rd house from 2 ft + to less than 8 ft. +. Dan- ger of loss of life. Some flooding to 3 to 5 other homes possible.
3. Lum- ber Yard	8	13	19,500	Minor flooding (1 to 2 ft. \pm)
4. Ashby Rd. Bridge	7	10	17,500	Damage to bridge, and possibly to house just downstream
5. Sou- hegan Con- fluence	7	9	15,000	Damage to River Rd. Bridge. Possible damage to Water Loom Pond Dam on the Sou- hegan and downstream struc- tures.

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*The flow depth at Smithville is greater than at other locations because of the constrictions caused by Goen Rd. and by the stream's narrowing at this point. These constrictions would create the large depths shown.
SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

(a) <u>Visual Observations</u>

There has been no significant displacement or distress which would warrant the preparation of structural stability calculations.

(b) Design and Construction Data

1) Embankment

Analysis carried out during the design and construction phase included an embankment slope stability analysis by the swedish circle method. A number of trial failure arcs were made for the 3:1 upstream slope with drawdown to the base assumed. A factor of safety of 1.26 was calculated with a 10 foot berm. A 3:1 downstream slope trial gave a factor of safety of 1.89. Based on these analyses, a 3.5 to 1 upstream slope with berm, and a 3 to 1 downstream slope were utilized.

2) Appurtenant Structures

A review of structural calculations for the design of the drop inlet service spillway structure and the outlet conduit (primary spillway) revealed that these structures have been designed on the basis of sound engineering practice.

(c) Operating Records

There are no known operating records for this dam.

(d) Post Construction Changes

There have been no known construction changes since the dam was completed in 1965.

(e) Seismic Stability

The dam is located in seismic zone No. 2 and, in accordance with the recommended Phase I guidelines, does not warrant seismic analysis.

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SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS

AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

(a) Condition

The dam and its appurtenances are generally in good condition at the present time with the exception of the impact basin which is in fair condition.

(b) Adequacy of Information

There is sufficient design and construction data to permit an assessment of dam safety when combined with the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgment.

(c) Urgency

The recommendations and remedial measures described herein should be implemented by the owner within two years of receipt of this phase I Inspection Report.

(d) Need for Additional Investigations

None

7.2 Recommendations

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No conditions were observed which warrant the attention of a registered engineer

7.3 Remedial Measures

It is recommended that the owner institute the following remedial measures.

- 1) Check the operability of the pond drain inlet gate as part of the annual inspection procedure.
- 2) Monitor seepage through the impact basin headwall.
- 3) Monitor seepage from right toe drain, especially under high reservoir conditions.

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- 4) Remove saplings in downstream slope inclusion to roots, from slopes, Resulting voids stand to the transfilled with suitable compacted material.
- 5) Implement and intensify a program of distance in periodic maintenance including, but is the second Backfilling animal burrows in slept states with suitable, well-tamped second second embankment; and clearing detris tractice
- 6) Develop a downstream emergency flows warned
- 7) Maintain the program of annual technic sectors

7.4 <u>Alternatives</u>

There are no meaningful alternatives to the constant mendations.



APPENDIX A

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VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

INSPECTION TEAM ORGANIZATION

Date: May 14, 1979

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Project: NH 00435 SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT FLOODWATER RETARDING DAM NO. 35 New Ipswich, New Hampshire NHWRB 175.21

Weather: Overcast, drizzle, cool

INSPECTION TEAM

Nicholas A. Campagna	Goldberg, Zoino, Dunni- cliff & Assoc. (GZD)	Team Captain
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Robert Fitzgerald	RAT	Hydrology

Owner's Representative Present:

Gary Kerr - New Hampshire Water Resources Board

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SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED RETARDING DAM NO. 35 New Ipswich, New Hampshire

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CHECK LISTS FOR VISUAL INSPECTION			
AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION & REMARKS	
DAM_EMBANKMENT			
Crest elevation	NAC	1090.0 ft. MSL	
Current pool elevation	↑	1067.0 ft. MSL	
Maximum impoundment to date		Unknown	
Surface Cracks		None	
Pavement condition		Not applicable	
Movement or settlement of crest		None	
Lateral Movement		None	
Vertical alignment		Good	
Herizontal alignment		Good	
Condition at abutments and at concrete structures		Good	
Indications of movement of structural items on slopes		None	
Trespassing on slopes		Few small rodent holes down- stream slope; 1 small sapling right downstream slope; tire ruts 6-8" deep right upstream slope	
Sloughing or erosion of slopes of abottent		4-6" erosion due to wave action on upstream slope to right of outlet structure	
Rock slope protention - rip rap failures		No riprap-upstream slope good except as noted above	
Unusual recent to recent ing at or near to		Sone	
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SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED RETARDING

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AREA FVALUATED	BY	CONDITION & REMARKS
AM EMBANKMENT - cont.	NAL	
Piping or boils		None
Foundation drainage		Toe drains functioning as
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Instrumentation system	NAC	None
PURTENANT STRUCTURES		
. Drop Inlet Service Spillway Structure	· ·-	
Condition of concrete		Good
Spalling		None noted
Irosion		None noted
Cracking		None noted
Rusting or staining of concrete		None noted
Visible reinforcing		None noted
Efflorescence		None noted
Trash Racks		
Upper stage trash racks		No deficiencies noted
Lower stage trash rack		Trash rack in good condition but clogged with debris
Gate bench stand		No deficiencies roted
. Reservoir Discharge Conduit		Submerged, could not be observed
. Outlet Conduit (primary spillway)	er	No deficiencies noted with exception of missing pre- formed joint filler

SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED RETARDING DAM NO. 35 New Ipswich, New Hampshire

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AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION & REMARKS
. Impact Basin		
Condition of concrete	PR	Fair
Spalling		Top surface of service plat- form 12" x 4"
Erosion		Minor at base of baffle wall
Cracking		None noted
Rusting or staining of concrete		Heavily stained at location of left toe drain outlet
Visible reinforcing		One reinforced rod on top of service platform exposed for 12"
Efflorescence		None noted
Honeycombs	CIE -	12" x 1" on headwall, seep- age flowing through surface.
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The U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service (SCS) located in Durham, New Hampshire, maintains a file for this dam. Included in this file are:

1) SCS "Design Report" dated 12/12/62.

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- 2) SCS "Hydrology and Hydraulics" design calculations dated 1962.
- 3) SCS structural design calculations dated 1962.
- 4) SCS "Detailed Geological Investigation of Dam Sites" dated 1962.
- 5) SCS soil mechanics laboratory data sheets dated January 1963.
- 6) SCS "As Built" drawings dated 1964.

The New Hampshire Water Resources Board (NHWRB) maintains a correspondence file on this dam. Included in this file are:

- 1) Maintenance inspection checklists dated May 19, 1977 and June 16, 1978.
- 2) Memo discussing alleged damage to emergency spillway control section dated July 19, 1978.

PHOTOGRAPHS

APPENDIX C





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1. View of upstream slope from right side



2. View of downstream slope showing heavy grass and brush growth



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5. View of emergency spillway looking downstream



6. View of impact basin showing baffle and left toe drain outlet

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APPENDIX D

HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

APPENDIX B

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143 Dom: Sofety S.R.W. Dam #35 _____ I(6, 5/15/39 2. Stage - D'Escharge Curve In formation for the elevation of this dam is (from Soil Conservation Service As-Built plans. 1090' msr, h= 23' 1209' 2551 1083' MSL , L= 16' 1.5' 1.5' 1.5' 9' 1075,8'MSL, h= 8.8' F 1,83'] 3.0' 1067' MSL, h=0 The Orifice (1.93' x 3.0') & 2 higherorities are on a riser structure located in the reservoir. Normal pool elevation is at the orifice crest, 1067'MSL. flows: Q, is the total of orifice (Q,)

SR.W Dam #35 183 Doms TIG 5/15/79 p.2 flows. These flows combine in the riser and flow under in dam through 36" pipe. The combined frow is the principal spillway flow. At high stages the 36" pipe becomes the control to flow. Lower Orifice flow (Q) 141 000 000 17 for h < 1.83' Q= 34(3.00) H^{3/2} 3.4 = Weir coe fricient = 10.2 H^{3/2} H=h P.4-8 of Scs Design Calcs. = 10.24³¹² for h=1.83 Qo= CA VZgH $(=.6), A=(1.83)(3)=5.49, H=h-\frac{1.83}{2}=h-.92$ 2 Qo= .6 (5.49) J2g (h-.92) 1/2 = 26.43 (h-.92) 2 upper weir flow (Q)) for h < 8.8' Q1=20 for 8.81 h 10.3 3.3 = Weirwe ficient py-8 $Q_{u} = 2(q') (3.3)_{H^{-3}} H^{3/2}$ H=h-8.8 of SCS Design calculations

183 Dams S.R.W. Dam # 35 T16,5116/74, p.3 Qw = 59.4(h-8.8) 312 Pipe Flow Op= KAp VZgH where $A_p = \pi (1.5)^2 = 7.07 ft^2$ = area of pipe K = VKg+kg+kgLp P. 4-6, SCS design Ko = 1.0 calcs Kr=1.5 kp= ,00016 Lp = 160.6' (As built plans) ->K : VI+1.5+,989 $\sqrt{1+1.5+.00616(160.6)}$ = ,535 $Q_{p} = kA_{p}\sqrt{2q}H^{2} = .535(7.07)\sqrt{2q}H^{2}$ = 30.37 H = head above tailwater surface Tailwater surface = 1062.0' MSL fromSCS design calculations, p. 4-5. (This is an estimate to

SRW. Dam #35 T(6, 5/16/79, 3.4 183 Dams establish H for spillway) 1062.0 is = h = -50 (5 ft. below the crest of the low flow outlet. $50 \quad Q_{p^2} = 30.37 \quad (h + 50)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Principal Spillway outflow , Q) is equal to The lower flow of Qo+Qw US. Qp for a given stage. Thus: och 61 $Q_{1} = |0.2h^{3/2}$ 07 Q1 = 30.37 (h+ 5.0) 2 whicheven is smeller 14h4 8.8 Q= 26.43 (h-.92) 2 079,= 30.37 (h+ 5.0) = whichever is smaller h > 8,8 up to h=A.3. Above h= 10.3, Q= 30.37, 1tz. Q= 26.43 (h-.92) 2 + 59.4 (h-8.8) 32 07 Q = 30. 37 (h+ 510) 2 whicheven is smaller (Q2) Emergency Spillway frow. up to elevation 1089,96 Ft. MSL, the SCS developed a stage-Discharge curve for this dam. This curve is given on P. 4-12 of their Design

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1087	20	4	5430
1088	21	5	7713
1089	22	6	10,766

It was also necessary to extend the stage-Discharge curve above the top of the dam. (1090'MSL, h=23'). For this we used SCS Technical Release 39 "The Hydraulics of Broad-crested spillways." For spillway we assumed: N = .04b=w.dth=255'z=side slope=2 (2:1) spillway head loss can be approximated as a case 8 spillway L= length from Pool toend of control section = 430'

183 Dams SR.W. Dam # 35 _____ J16 79, 7 7 This gave these results. Qischarge ++ (CFS) Hec * elevation h Hp (Ft.MSL) (stage above (stage above 1067) em.spillway . (Total Head at em spill. crest, Ft.) (rest, Fi) 12,900 6. 23 1090 7.75 16,000 1091 24 9.05 19,500 9 1092 25 * given by Figure ES-171, sheet 8 of 10, in SCS TR-39. This figure plots Her US. Hp. for given L, #1=.04. The figure is valid for Case & spillways, to which this is similar. The Her vs. Hp relationship does not vary significantly with b for 04 6 6 1000. ** ES-174, sheet gof g in SCS TR-39. 2 This figure give Q for given Hec, b, if モニン、 flow over Dam. (Q_3) for h (23, (23 -0 for h>23 (=2.6 for $Q3 = 2.6 (1209) (h-23)^{5/2}$ broud-crested earth weir 3/2 + 2.6 (10) (1-23) (.5 (1-23)) with grass

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This represtents a 1209' weir with a 10:1 side slope on one side. Flow on the other side is included with the emergency spillway.

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P 9 0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,556,1815,3474,5430,7713,10260 2900,16000,19500 50 35" DAM" FLOW OUTLET" CHARGE FOR SOUHEGAN RIVER WATERSHED DAM NUMBER SOUHEGAN RIV. WATERSHED DAM ARRAY CONTRINS EMERGENCY SPILLWAY DUTFLOW DATA TOP OF FUNCTION OF HEAD ABOVE THE LOW FLOW EMERGENCY SPILLWAY" IS THE LOW FLOW OUTLET (ORIFICE) FLOW HEAD"3X"ELEUATION"30T"DISCHARGE" HIGH STAGE OUTLET (WEIRS) (FEET)"2X"(FT. MSL)"32T"(CFS)" STAGE/DISCHARGE CURVE FOR STORED ON TAPE B-1 FILE 2 PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY FLOW PIPE n 10: 45: A F 20: A F 550 290: THE HE 250 90 50 10 S DNISI S SING ч З З З З З 8 1 1 1 = Q 4 50 æ ŧ 2 = B G=C 01=0 3=9 6=0 4=0 KEM KEM х Ш 202 Σ Ш ๛ํ๚๗๗ 4

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.23 Dam Safety Souhegan R.W. Don #35 T(C, 5/17/79, p 13 L Storage- Elevation Curve The Storage- Elevation curve for Souhegan River ľ Watershed Dam Number 35 is given on pp. 3-143-2 of the SCS Hydrologic and Hydraulic Design Calculations. The Curves include current storage and "avoilable Storage" after fifty years of sedimentation Pp. 14 and 15 give a table and plot of storage us elevation. 1" of runoff over 4026 aures = (1/2') (4026Ac) = 335.5 Ac-Ft. 1 A c-F(. of storage = 1 = ,00298" of ranofi 1 ft. of rise (from h=0, 1067'nsl=normal pool to K h=1, 1068 MSL) would store: 10029 8"/ (22 A C-FE) = .066" of runoff atter SOyears of sedimentation. Avoilable storage to the emergency spillway crest is (851ac-ft) (,00298) = 2.54" of runoff. To the dam crest, available storage is (1718) (100298) = 5.12" of runoff. D-14



STORAGE-ELEVATION CURVE AT SOUHEGAN R. W. DAM # 35

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183 Dam Safety_ Souhegan R.W. Dam #35 TLG, 5130179, 2 17 Dam Failure Analysis

P.16 is a location and Downstream Hazard Mop for S.R.W.D. # 35.

The first question to be addressed is the assumed water surface elevation at dam failure. The normal assumption is that failure occurs at the top of the dam. This would yield a pre-failure ontflow of 13,061 cfs. However, this flow is higher than the soil Conservation Service (S.C.S.) routed P.M.F. outflow for this reservoir. Also, this flow would create severe flooding downstream prior to dam failure. Dam Failure would have a greater incremental impact on flooding if it were to occur with a lower water surface elevation in the reservoir. Therefore, we will assume that Dam Failure occurs with the water surface

elevation at S.C.S. Design High water, 1085.4' MSL, h=18.4 ft. This represents 2.4 ft. Of flow in The emergency spillway.

183 Dam Safety Souhegan R. W. Dam #35 TCG, 5/30/74,03 Normal Flow at this elevation is 7625 cfs. Peak failure out flow = Normal outflow + Breach outflow Breach out flow: Gp,= 8/27 Vg Wb (Yo) 312 where: w: breachwidth < 40% of width at 1/2 ht. of dan. from sheet 4 of the As-builts, width at 1/2 ht= 440' - Wh= .4 (440) = 180' Yo= ht above tailwater at failure. 2 The channel just downstream of S.R.W. Dam # 35 has approximately this cross-section (from field notes) 13' 10' 4'30' (1060' MSL) 6,1040) (635 (260,1064) 320,1067) (520,1002) (290,1064) From sheet 4 34 5 6 5 2 6 19 5= 0113. 1: 035 · a pormal fly a war desta

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At 2625 cfs, the tailwater is at about 10673 msL.

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 $Q_{P_1} = \frac{8}{27} \log 180 (18.1)^{3/2} = 23,304 \text{ cfs}$ So peak failure outflow = 23,304+2625 = 26,000 cfs

This would raise the tailwater to 1072.8' MSC, an increase of 5.5'.

The first location effected would be the Binney Hill Rood Bridge just downstream of the dam (300' ±) The failure out Flow of 26,000 effs would overtop and probably severely damage this bridge.

The West Branch of the Souhegan River proceeds through a linked series of ponds about 2300' from the dam to Smithville. At Smithville, the Branch passes through a culvert under Goen Rd. Bridge. About SO Ft. downstream of the bridge is a dam, which creates a pool extending under Goen Rd. The village of Smithville consister of 10-15 houses, of which two are upstream of Goen Rd. on the pond and one more just downstream of . Goen Rd.

At high Flows, the water level upstream of Goen Rd is controlled by the poadembankment and culvert.

183 Dam Safety Souhegan R.W. Dam#35 TCE 5/31/45, 21 Goen Rd: w h=0 200' 20 4.2' 7.7' The flow through the culvert is estimated from FHWA Hydraulic Engineering Circular # 5. $Q_{\text{road}} = 3(200)h_{rd}^{3/2} + [3(20)(h)(.5(h))^{3/2}]_{2}$ from the weir equation with (= 3.0 for a broadcrested concrete weir. h (over rð.) (ft) Total Flow Quilvert Qroad (45) (Lfr) (lf_{s}) 990 990 0 640 1720 1080) 3100 1160 1940 2 3780 5000 1220 3 6160 7440 1280 ų 9080 1330 10,410 Ł 12,560 13.540 1380 6 18,040 16,610 1430 7 22740 1480 21,260 8 26,510 26,040 1530 ٩ 33,970 32,390 1580 10 D-22

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Thus, before failure the water surface would be about (13.6 fl. above streambed) 1.7 ft. above the rd, To determine water surface after failure, it is necessary to include attenuation. To do so, we will assume a surface area of 20 acres upstream of GoenRd. Thus storage = (1-1.7) 20. P 23 gives the determination of attenuated peak failure outflow at Smithville. The attenuated peak is 22,800 cfs, which Vields at water surface 8 ft. above Goen Rd. (19.9 ft.) above the streambed). This assumes that the Goen Rd. embankment holds. In fact, it might well fail under a flow of this magnitude. However, the failure would not change flood levels in this area significantly. The channel is constricted in this area, and about 100 ft. downstream of Goen Rd. it enters a narrow, rocky gorge. The fact that the natural channel changes from a wide floodplain to a parrow, steep-sided gorge is the primary source of the high stages in this area.

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on the pondupstream of Goen Kd. are approximately at the level of the roadway. Thus, dum failure would raise flooding at these houses from 1.7 fost to 8 fer, which would present a serious threat to property and to life. The house downstream , which is at the road level, would also seceive serious flooding. Other houses in Smithville might also experience some flooding, although at levels much below eight feet.

The next area of concern downstream of Smithville is a lumber yard about 3800 ft. downstream. The reach between Smithville and this lumber yard has this as a typical cross-section (Stage-Normal Flow curve on P.24): (0,25) (760,25)

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The pre-failure flow of 2625 cfs would yield 8.4 ft. Of flow in the channel. To determine the water surface after failure it is necessary to include attenuation. To do so, we will use the increase in channel area multiplied by the channel length of 3800'.

The attenuated peak is 19,500 cfs, which yields an elevation 13.5 Ft above the stream bed. The lumber yard is about 12 ft above the stream bed, and so would experience some flooding after dam failure. This might damage lumbers fored in the, yard although the structures are higher two will not be reached. Rd. Bridge, some 2800 downstream is Ash by Through This reach is approximately this;

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The Stage-Normal Flow curve for this cross-section is given on p. 27. Although Ashby Rd. Bridge does provide a constriction to flow, it is unlikely to cause significant back water effects at the flows we are considering, which would probably cause major damage to or feilure of the bridge. D-27



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The attenuated peak is 17,500cfs, which yields an elevation of 9.5 ft. above the streambed. There are no dwellings in this reach. Just downstream of Ashby Rd. there is one house, with a garage apartment which is about 2 feet below the road, to feet above the stream bed. It is possible that this house would be damaged by the Dam Fuilure outflow, but flooding would probably be Minimal:

From the Ashby Rd. bridge, the stream proceeds about 3400' to the Souhogan River. The West Branch passes under River Rd. through two 6' con.p. culverts in this reach. At the Flows we are considering, River Rd. would be seriously overtopped and probably washed out.

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The attenuated peak flow is 15,000 cfs. which yields an elevation of 9.35. above the streambed. There are no divertings on this reach.

The Souhegan in This area is wide and meandering, with a broad, Murshy Plood plain. within 2500 ft. of the juncture with the liest Branch, the Souhegan enters Water Loon Dond, The inflow is Water Loon Pond caused by the failure of Souhegan River Watershed Dam #35 would raise the level of Water Loom Pond significantly. Whether this would overtop water Loom Pond for cause it to fail would depend on antecedent water levels at the pond and other factors.

The separate report on Water Loom for D discusses the possible effects of that dam's feilure downstream

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The table on p.33 summarizes the their



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Location	Flow	Depth.	Feak Flow After Att-	Lomnants	
(see map, P. 16)	Before Failure (1+)	Atter Fuilure (f+)	envation (CFS)		
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(1) to water, But Binney (Hill Rd.	7.3	12.8	26,000	would severely damage or destroy bridge.	
≥ Smithr.lie (@' =d.	13.6*	19.9*	22,800	Increases Flooding at 2 houses from 2 ft= fo & ft. At 3rd house from 42ft to Kaft Danger of Loss of life. Some flooding to other homes prests	
(3) Lumber 10010	४.५	13.5	19,500	Minor flooding (~1-2'-1)	
(4) Achie, 73. Bridge	6.8	9.5	17,500	damage to bridge, é possioi, to house just downstream.	
© Souhesan Confluence	7.0	9.3	15,000	d'amage to River Ed. Bridge Possible d'amage to Water Loon Pond Dan on the Souhegan and d/s structures.	

* The flow depth at Smith ville is greater than at other locations because of the constrictions caused by Goen Rd. and by the stream's narrowing at this point. These constrictions would create the large depths Shown,

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Test Flood Analysis

SIZE CLASSIFICATION - Intermediate HAZARD CLASSIFICATION - HIGH The bazard potential is HIGH primarily because of the potential for serious economic losses and significant loss of life at Smithville in the event of dam failure. Dawage to roads in the area, to water Loom Pond Dam, and to structures on the Souhegan River is also possible.

Test Flood, PMF

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Using the NED LOE "Max. Prob. Flood Peak Flow Rates," The up stream drainage area of 6.29 Sq. MI. with rolling terrain yield a PMF of 1780 csm. Peak inflow = 1780 (6.29) = 11,200 cfs.

By contrast, the S.C.S." free board Hydrograph", which is approximately equivalent to the PMF, has a peak inflow of 17, 160 cfs (p. 2-5 of "Hydrologicand Hydraulic Design Calculations")

Since theSC.S. valuewas developed using a more precise methodology wew.II use 17,160 cts as our peak inflow. The S.L.S. developed a full freeboard hydrograph und couted this inflow through the reservoir. The D-36

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peak sulfilow is 12,670 cfs (p. 6-2, S.C.S. Hyd. dH, d. Gerer, M. gives a water surface at elevation 1089,9' MSL, 22.5' desire The low flow outlet, and .1' be low the dam crest. The fill storage used is 1704 Ac-Ft. (Available storage) from the low flow outlet.

Drowdown Time

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According to p. 5-2 of S.C.S. calculations, Yn: drawdown time from the emergency spillubly crest to the low flow outlet is 7.8 days. "A starting point of 1068' Mill which is reached in 6.2 clays, was used for Greeboard hydrograph routing calculations.

APPENDIX E

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INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS

