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Honorable Brendan T. Byrne Governor of New Jersey Trenton, New Jersey 08621

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Dear Governor Byrne:

Inclosed is the Phase I Inspection Report for Middlesex Reservoir Dam in Sussex County, New Jersey which has been prepared under authorization of the Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367. A brief assessment of the dam's condition is given on the first four pages of the report.

Based on visual inspection, available records, calculations and past operational performance, Middlesex Reservoir Dam, a high hazard potential structure, is judged to be in fair overall condition. However, the dam's spillway is considered inadequate since 42 percent of the Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) would overtop the dam. To insure adequacy of the structure, the following actions, as a minimum, are recommended:

a. The spillway's adequacy should be determined by a qualified professional consultant, engaged by the owner, using more sophisticated methods, procedures and studies initiated within one month and completed within six months from the date of approval of this report. The effects of and on the Garden State Parkway structures should be included in the analysis. Any remedial measures necessary to insure the adequacy of the spillway and to prevent overtopping should be initiated within calendar year 1979. In the interim, detailed emergency operation, drawdown and evacuation plans and a warning system, should be promptly developed. Also, during periods of unusually heavy precipitation, around-the-clock surveillance should be provided.

b. Within one year from the date of approval of this report, the owner should thoroughly examine the dam and abutment areas for evidence of any seepage that may occur during normal and high reservoir levels. Should the owner detect any seepage, it is recommended that he engage a qualified engineer to examine and evaluate the significance of the seepage. Any remedial measures found necessary should be initiated within calendar year 1979. NAPEN-D Honorable Brendan T. Byrne

c. Within six months from the date of approval of this report, the following actions should be taken.

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(2) A portion of the deteriorated concrete grouted stone paving on the upstream side of the spillway should be removed and replaced, and the undermined area of the two feet wide spillway approach slab should be repaired.

(3) The slight undermining of the right wall of the discharge channel should be backfilled with concrete or cement grout.

(4) Low areas of the embankment crest and eroded spots must be filled in and revegetated.

(5) The badly deteriorated and failed slope paving on the embankment upstream slope should be replaced or covered with rip-rap, or an alternate means of protection should be developed to protect the embankment slope. The corrective solution for this problem should be engineered.

(6) All wood, debris and trash which is present in the spillway apron area and outlet channel should be promptly removed and properly disposed of.

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A copy of the report is being furnished to Mr. Dirk C. Hofman, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the designated State Office contact for this program. Within five days of the date of this letter, a copy will also be sent to Congressman Matthew Rinaldo of the Twelfth District. Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, the inspection report will be subject to release by this office, upon request, five days after the date of this letter.

Additional copies of this report may be obtained from the National Technical Information Services (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia, 22161 at a reasonable cost. Please allow four to six weeks from the date of this letter for NTIS to have copies of the report available.

An important aspect of the Dam Safety Program will be the implementation of the recommendations made as a result of the inspection. We accordingly request that we be advised of proposed actions taken by the State to implement our recommendations.

Sincerely yours

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Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers Acting District Engineer

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MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM (NJ00377)

CORPS OF ENGINEERS ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

This dam was inspected on 21 June 1978 by Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. Consulting Engineers under contract to the U. S. Army Engineer District, Philadelphia, in accordance with the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367.

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Gellohn APPROVED : OEL T. CALLAHAN

Lieutenant Colonel, Corps of Engineers Acting District Engineer

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PHASE I REPORT NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM

Name of Dam - Middlesex Reservoir Dam, Union County, New Jersey Stream - Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River Date of Inspection - 21 June 1978

ASSESSMENT OF GENERAL CONDITIONS

Middlesex Reservoir Dam consists of a 400 feet long earth embankment, a 149.3 feet long concrete ogee spillway, and a gate house with outlet works. It is owned and maintained by the Middlesex Water Company for use as an emergency or supplemental public water supply.

The visual inspection and review of engineering data, made during June to August 1978, indicate that deficiencies exist in the dam to a degree warranting prompt action; although emergency attention is not required. In general, the dam is evaluated as being in fair condition. It is recommended, that the following repairs or work items be performed promptly by the owner. Repairs must be made to the spalled, cracked and deteriorated gunite, and concrete surfaces of the spillway weir, downstream spillway face, spillway wing walls, concrete outlet apron and spillway upstream approach slab. A portion of the deteriorated concrete grouted stone paving on the upstream side of the spillway should be removed and replaced, and the undermined area of the two feet wide spillway approach slab should be repaired. The slight undermining of the right wall of the discharge channel should be backfilled with concrete or cement grout. Low areas of the embankment crest and eroded spots must be filled in and revegetated. The badly deteriorated and failed slope paving on the embankment upstream slope should be replaced or covered with riprap, or an alternate means of protection should be developed to protect the embankment slope. The corrective solution for this problem should be engineered.

Additional work items or repairs are recommended, as follows, and should be accomplished by the owner in the near future. In the spillway discharge channel, placement of additional large riprap in scoured areas is recommended. The left side slope of the discharge channel should be graded to a flatter slope to prevent erosion and sloughage, and the slope toe should be protected with properly engineered riprap. The right eroded discharge channel bank should be graded and revegetated or alternately protected with riprap. Bare eroding areas near the outlet pipe outfall and left abutment reservoir slope should be treated and seeded. Brush and

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The hydraulic/hydrologic evaluations performed in accordance with established Corps of Engineers procedures for Phase I Inspection Reports revealed that the spillway will not pass the Probable Maximum Flood without overtopping the dam. The analysis did not take into account the flood attenuation effects of the Garden State Parkway embankment and bridge across the reservoir, upstream from the dam. However, the flood attenuation effect of the parkway is considered to be significant; and therefore, the owner should immediately undertake an engineering investigation of this. If the investigation shows that the parkway will not prevent overtopping, it is recommended that the owner have further engineering investiation performed immediately to develop remedial measures to reduce the overtopping potential of the dam. It is further recommended that the owner immediately start work on developing emergency operation and, in cooperation with local authorities, evacuation procedures.

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Michael Baker, III, P.E. Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer Registration Number 13385



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NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM



PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT NATIONAL DAM SAFETY PROGRAM NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM, ID# NJ 00377

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1.1 GENERAL
 - a. <u>Authority</u> This report is authorized by the National Dam Inspection Act, Public Law 92-367, 92nd Congress, H.R. 15951 enacted 8 August 1972 and has been prepared in accordance with Contract No. DACW61-78-C-0141 between Michael Baker, Jr., Inc., and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Philadelphia District.
 - b. <u>Purpose of Inspection</u> The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate the general condition of Middlesex Reservoir Dam with respect to safety of the facility based upon available data and visual inspection.
- 1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT
 - a. Description of Dam and Appurtenances - The Middlesex Reservoir Dam, constructed in 1907 and 1908, consists of a homogeneous earth embankment with a concrete ogee spillway. The dam with crest El. 50.0 feet has a maximum height of 27 feet and a length of 595 feet. However, due to the placement of an extensive nearly level fill to approximately El. 34.0 feet between the dam and Madison Hill Road (see Plate 1) the exposed height of the embankment on the downstream side is now only about 16 feet. The upstream and downstream embankment slopes are approximately two horizontal to one vertical (2:1). Seepage control is provided by a concrete core wall extending down to top of bedrock beneath both the earth embankment and concrete spillway according to the drawings provided to Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. by the owner's representative. These drawings are presented as Plates 1 through 4. An ogee type spillway with a crest elevation of 44 feet, or six feet lower than top of dam, is located at the left end of the dam. The spillway was measured to have a crest length of 149.3 feet. Outlet works consisting of a 24 inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe extends from the gate house at the right abutment to the discharge channel immediately north of the Madison Hill Road bridge. A total of six additional gates are located in the gate house (see Plate 3) which were provided to convey water to the public water supply treatment plant constructed immediately south of the earth dam.

NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

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- b. Location The Middlesex Reservoir Dam is located on Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River approximately two miles upstream from its confluence with the Rahway River, in Clark Township, Union County, New Jersey.
- c. <u>Size Classification</u> The maximum height of the dam is 27 feet and the reservoir volume to the top of the dam is 2090 acre-feet. Therefore, the dam is in the "Intermediate" size category as defined by the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams."
- d. <u>Hazard Classification</u> Due to the proximity of the town of Rahway, New Jersey with a population of about 29,000, many lives could be lost in the event of failure of the dam. Therefore, this dam is considered in the "High" risk category as defined by the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams."
- <u>Ownership</u> The dam is owned by the Middlesex Water Company, One Woodbridge Center, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.
- <u>Purpose of Dam</u> The dam is presently used as a standby emergency or supplemental public water supply.
- g. Design and Construction History The existing facility was designed for the prior owner, Consumers Aquaduct Company, by Earlet Harrison Engineers. The dam was built during the period 1907-1908. The area between the dam and Madison Hill Road was later filled in to allow construction of the water treatment plant which was in more or less continuous operation until 1969.
- h. <u>Normal Operational Procedures</u> Since 1969, the normal operating procedure has been to keep the reservoir full as a standby public water supply, and no attempts are made to regulate the pool elevation by opening the sluice gates. During August 1971, however, the reservoir was used to supply Elizabethtown, New Jersey, with four million gallons of water over a one week period when their water treatment plant was flooded as a result of Hurricane Doria. Sporadically, the reservoir is drawn down to perform limited maintenance.

NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

1.3 PERTINENT DATA

- a. <u>Drainage Area</u> The drainage area of Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River upstream from the dam is 19.1 square miles.
- <u>Discharge at Damsite</u> The maximum known flow at the damsite is unknown.
- c. Elevation [feet above Mean Sea Level (M.S.L.)] -

Design Top of Dam (Spillway Capacity) - 50.0 (8966 c.f.s.) Normal Pool - 44.0 Streambed at Centerline of Dam - 23 (as shown on Plate 2) Maximum Tailwater - Not available

d. Reservoir (miles) -

Length of Maximum Pool - Could not be determined with available information. Length of Normal Pool - 2.31

e. <u>Storage (acre-feet)</u> -

Top of Dam (El. 50.0) - 2090 At Spillway Crest (El. 44.0) - 1470

f. Reservoir Surface (acres) -

Top of Dam - Approximately 114 Spillway Crest - Approximately 92

g. Dam -

Type - Homogeneous earthfill with concrete core wall extended down to bedrock Total Length - 590 feet Maximum Height - 27 feet Top Width - 10 feet Side Slopes - Upstream - 2:1 Downstream - 2:1 Impervious Core - Concrete core wall Cutoff - Core wall extends down to shale bedrock

h. Diversion and Regulating Tunnel - None

NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

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i. Spillway -

Type - Concrete ogee Length of Weir - 149.3 feet Crest Elevation - 44.0 feet (M.S.L.) Gates - None Downstream Channel - Riprap protection

j. <u>Regulating Outlet</u> - 24 inch concrete pipe from gate chamber discharges into the downstream channel; flow regulated by manually operating sluice gate from gate chamber.

NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 DESIGN

The design data available for review consisted of the drawings of the dam and appurtenances presented as Plates 1, 2 and 3, and borings made in the vicinity of the dam presented on Plate 4. These plates were reproduced from prints of drawings provided by the owner. Correspondence from the owner's files and from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (N.J.D.E.P.) files was also reviewed. However, no design data was available from N.J.D.E.P., nor from the owner, except for the plates included in this report and the reference data in Appendix C.

2.2 CONSTRUCTION

The Middlesex Reservoir Dam and appurtenances were constructed during 1907 to 1908. No record of any problems that might have occurred during their construction was available for this investigation. After construction of the dam, the extensive area between the dam and Madison Hill Road was filled in and regraded. The water treatment facilities (visible in the Overall View of Dam) were then constructed on the fill, which is nearly level. Settling basins were constructed in this area after World War I, and a new pump station was built in the early 1960's.

2.3 POST-CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND ENGINEERING

Because of the application of gunite to the concrete spillway and wing walls in 1939, it is believed that an inspection of the concrete surfaces at that time must have revealed some deterioration.

An inspection of the dam was also performed by the N.J.D.E.P. on 16 December 1971. The very brief inspection report, provided by the owner, stated, "The dam appeared to be in good condition and no seepage was found." No other inspection reports or engineering data were available for this Phase I investigation, except for a copy of a 1924 New Jersey, Reference Data card obtained from the owner and reproduced as Appendix C.

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2.4 OPERATION

As owner of the dam, Middlesex Water Company is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the dam and appurtenances. There were no records available pertaining to operations, maintenance, lake levels or discharges. However, flows have been recorded since about 1974 at the U.S.G.S. gaging station at Milton Lake Dam located one-half mile downstream.

2.5 EVALUATION

Little design information was available for review and evaluation. Although it would be desirable to have more information for review, the information available is believed to be adequate for this Phase I investigation, especially since the facility has functioned in a satisfactory manner for the past 70 years.

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SECTION 3 - VISUAL INSPECTION

3.1 FINDINGS

- a. <u>General</u> The dam and its appurtenant structures were found to be in fair overall condition at the time of inspection. The problems noted during the visual inspection are considered significant and do require remedial treatment without undue delay. Noteworthy deficiencies observed are described briefly in the following paragraphs. The complete visual inspection check list is given in Appendix A.
- b. <u>Dam</u> Erosion and possibly a small amount of settlement of the embankment has occurred behind the spillway right wing wall causing the top of dam to be 0.7 foot lower than constructed. The erosion, up to two feet deep, continues down the upstream slope adjacent to the wing wall. The embankment adjacent to the right abutment wall at the gate house also appeared to be low by approximately one-half foot. The concrete slope paving on the upstream side of the embankment is badly deteriorated. Many sections of concrete are broken up and have settled due, probably, to erosion from wave action.

Disintegration and settlement of the concrete slope protection is especially severe 50 feet from the spillway, as shown in Photo 9. Near the right abutment a groundhog burrow was observed that extended under the concrete pavement. Numerous small trees and brush are present on the embankment crest and slopes.

During the visual inspection the reservoir had been drawn down to approximately El. 36.7 so that the owner could perform maintenance on the dam, including the cutting of small trees and brush and removal of debris. During this inspection no seepage or evidence of prior seepage was observed. However, some seepage may occur when the reservoir is at normal pool or higher elevations.

c. <u>Appurtemant Structures</u> - The gate house (which contains sluice gates for diverting water to the water treatment plant and a gate for draining the reservoir) appeared to be functioning normally during the visual inspection. Some minor cracking and spalling of the gate house concrete walls and right abutment wing wall were observed.

The spillway located at the left abutment was observed to be in fair overall condition. However, numerous deficiencies were observed. The approach slope to the spillway (upstream side) which appears to be concrete grouted stone paving has been eroded away at midspan exposing the underlying soil. Between this slope and the weir crest, there exists a two feet wide concrete approach slab which was cracked and slightly settled. At midspan of the spillway this slab was undermined by erosion. The spillway, which was gunited in 1939, showed several areas where the gunite coating has spalled off. One of the minor spalled areas was at the weir crest near the right spillway wall. The spillway face and downstream apron showed several spalled areas of gunite, one as large as three feet wide by seven feet long by one and one-half inches deep. Several cracks, approxi-mately one-sixteenth of an inch wide were also observed in the gunite spillway face and downstream apron. Several spalled areas and cracks were noted to be linear and parallel to the direction of flow, and they may reflect construction or monolithic joints in the original concrete. Hairline fractures were noted throughout the spillway gunite.

The left and right spillway walls were noted to have hairline fractures throughout the gunited surfaces. Some leaching of calcite was observed from the gunite on the left spillway wall. However, the right spillway wall showed other defects including a one-half inch wide crack across the top of the wall which has apparently been caused by differential settlement. Substantial spalling of the gunite has also occurred on this wing wall.

Immediately downstream from the spillway apron there is located a small concrete wall on the right side of the discharge channel. The wall was observed to be slightly out of alignment, probably due to earth pressure. This wall also appeared to be slightly undermined by scour up to four inches over a length of 20 feet.

Examination of the outlet structure near Madison Hill Road, which consists of a 24 inch concrete pipe outfall and concrete head wall with wings, revealed no obvious problems, except that a small section of the adjacent upstream bank was barren of any vegetation and eroding.

- d. <u>Reservoir Area</u> The reservoir area including the side slopes was examined during the visual inspection. No significant sedimentation of the reservoir could be seen, even though the reservoir had been drawn down seven feet in order for the owner to perform maintenance. Most of the side slopes are moderately to slightly sloping, and a good vegetative cover consisting of trees and grass is established. One eroded bank as steep as 1.5:1 was noted, however, immediately upstream from the left abutment spillway wall.
- e. <u>Spillway Discharge Channel</u> The spillway discharge channel was observed to be lined with large riprap, but some of it has been scoured out immediately downstream from the concrete apron and at approximately 150 feet downstream from the spillway. A considerable amount of wood and trash was present on the apron and immediately downstream in the discharge channel.

Some erosion of the discharge channel left side slope was observed. This slope, approximately 100 feet downstream from the spillway, is a maximum of about 26 feet high with a slope ration of 1:1. Because of the steepness of the slope, sloughage is occurring. Erosion of the approximately four feet high bank on the right side of the discharge channel is also occurring.

3.2 EVALUATION

a. <u>Dam</u> - The erosion and possible settlement adjacent to the right spillway wall and near the gate house pose a threat to overtopping during large flood flows. If the condition at the spillway right wing wall were left uncorrected, it could worsen to the point where early overtopping could occur.

The severe deteriorated condition of the upstream embankment slope paving, likewise, does not at present create a serious threat to the stability of the dam; but this condition must be corrected to prevent further erosion of the embankment slope which could become serious in time.

Removal of trees and brush, and repair of all bare areas should be performed to prevent possible future leakage through decayed root systems and to prevent erosion of the dam.

Since the reservoir was drawn down during the visual inspection, it is not possible to conclude with certainty that some seepage would not occur during high reservoir levels. Therefore, further inspection of the dam is considered necessary to determine if seepage does occur at normal or high pool levels.

b. <u>Appurtenant Structures</u> - The cracks and local spalling of the concrete surfaces of the gate house are not evaluated as requiring repair work at this time since they are not considered serious enough to endanger the integrity of the dam. However, the cracks and spalled areas will likely become more significant in time and should be periodically examined.

With regard to the spillway and adjacent walls, discharge apron, and upstream paving; the prompt repair of all deficiencies noted in paragraph 3.1.c. and the visual inspection check list are considered necessary to prevent further deterioration, except for repair of hairline fractures. Work considered necessary includes the repair of spalled gunite, cracks, undermined areas and replacement of badly deteriorated concrete sections. Repair and revegetation of bare and eroded areas adjacent to appurtenant structures is also necessary to prevent the serious consequences of overtopping and to insure that they function as intended.

- c. <u>Reservoir Area</u> The erosion of the reservoir bank near the left abutment was not considered a serious condition endangering the dam; but this erosion should be checked to prevent development of a more serious problem in the future.
- d. <u>Spillway Discharge Channel</u> To insure that further scour of the channel bottom does not occur, the placement of additional larger riprap in the scour areas is considered necessary. Grading of the left channel slope to a flatter slope ratio and protecting the lower portion of this slope with riprap, or by other means, is considered necessary to stabilize the bank and help prevent possible landslides into the channel which might otherwise occur from future erosion of the channel side slope. Although the erosion of the right outlet channel side slope is not a serious problem, prevention of further erosion is desirable.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 PROCEDURES

Presently, the normal operating procedure is to keep the reservoir full as a standby or emergency water supply source. No attempts are made to regulate the reservoir level since, according to the owner, the dam is for water supply purposes and not for flood control.

There is no formal written procedure for emergency downstream evacuation in the event of impending catastrophy; however, local civil defense and police authorities would be notified if such a failure was determined to be imminent. It is considered necessary that a formal emergency procedure be prepared and prominently displayed, and furnished to appropriate personnel, particularly to the owner's watchman who visits the dam daily.

4.2 MAINTENANCE OF DAM

Maintenance of the dam is the responsibility of the owner, the Middlesex Water Company. It is apparent that structural maintenance has not been performed for many years. However, the owner had performed some maintenance just before the Phase I visual inspection which included removal of some debris and the cutting of brush and trees on a portion of the embankment.

4.3 MAINTENANCE OF OPERATING FACILITIES

According to the owner, the facilities in the gate house and pump station are maintained as necessary so that the reservoir can serve as an emergency or supplemental public water supply if needed.

4.4 EVALUATION

As a result of the visual Phase I inspection, the current ongoing maintenance practice for the dam is concluded to be inadequate, and should be upgraded and improved.

SECTION 5 - HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC

5.1 EVALUATION OF FEATURES

- a. <u>Design Data</u> There were no design data available for review and evaluation.
- b. <u>Experience Data</u> There were no experience data available for review and evaluation. However, according to the owner's representative, the dam has never been overtopped to their knowledge.
- c. <u>Visual Observations</u> A significant amount of debris had collected in the outlet channel below the spillway apron. Also, considerable erosion had taken place in this area. It appeared that the spillway would function properly, but repair and maintenance work should be performed to minimize further deterioration. The drawdown facility appeared to operate properly. The reservoir was being drained at time of inspection in order for the Middlesex Water Company to perform maintenance. No evidence of overtopping flood flow damage was noted during the visual inspection.
- Overtopping Potential The Middlesex Reservoir d. Dam is classified as a "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size dam requiring evaluation for a spillway design flood equal to the Probable Maximum Flood (P.M.F.). The spillway consists of an ogee type shaped overfall 149.3 feet wide at El. 44.0. The spillway rating curve was developed in accordance with the procedures in Design of Small Dams, a U.S. Bureau of Reclamation publication. The rating, as developed, shows the maximum discharge at top of dam El. 50.0 to be 8966 c.f.s. Design plans and field measurements were used for spillway dimensions. However, the calculations were based on the assumption that the low spots of the embankment crest will be filled in to the top of dam design El. 50.0 feet.

The hydrologic analysis of the Middlesex Reservoir Dam was completed using the procedures outlined in <u>Design of Small Dams</u>, for rainfall-runoff characteristics, EM-1110-2-163, for rainfall-time distribution patterns, and the HEC-1 Flood Hydrograph Package, for unit hydrograph determination by Clark's Method. Coefficients for Clark's Method were obtained from the "Hydraulic and Hydrologic Simulation of the Rahway River Basin" by the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers. The hydrologic analysis contained herein does not include an evaluation of the flood peak attenuation effects of the Garden State Parkway which crosses the reservoir 0.6 mile upstream. The hydrologic analysis indicates a peak discharge flow of 22,800 c.f.s. for the peak discharge of the P.M.F.

Using the routing option of HEC-1, the P.M.F. was routed through the dam and found to overtop the embankment. The spillway therefore, according to the criteria specified in "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspections of Dams" and this preliminary analysis, is considered to be inadequate. In order to access the degree of inadequacy, a flood of magnitude equal to one-half P.M.F. was routed and was also found to overtop the dam. Based upon these routings, it was estimated the dam will pass approximately 41 percent of the P.M.F. if the Garden State Parkway is not considered, but assuming that the low spots of the embankment crest will be filled in to the top of dam design El. 50.0 feet. However, it is believed that the parkway will cause storage of additional water in the upper portion of the reservoir and result in a significant reduction of the calculated one-half P.M.F. peak flow at the dam. For this reason, Michael Baker, Jr., Inc. concludes that the spillway should not be considered "seriously inadequate."

e. <u>Emergency Drawdown</u> - A 24 inch reinforced concrete pipe has been provided to draw down the reservoir. Sluice gates in the gate chamber are operated from the gate house to release this flow. With the reservoir filled to top of dam, the peak discharge through the outlet pipe, if opened, is estimated to be 57 c.f.s. and approximately 36 days would be required to drain the reservoir assuming no stream inflow. If the reservoir level is at elevation 44 feet, the maximum flow rate through the outlet pipe would be about 50 c.f.s. and approximately 30 days would be required to drain the reservoir.

SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

- a. <u>Visual Observations</u> The low area of the embankment adjacent to the right abutment could develop into a stability problem by eroding the embankment during a major flood, if remedial measures are not performed. Additionally, further deterioration of the concrete spillway, as a result of continuous flow over the weir and natural weathering effects, could eventually cause a failure if repairs are not made.
- b. <u>Design and Construction Data</u> The limited data available for review indicates that there should be no cause for concern for the structural stability of the earth embankment, spillway and appurtenances.
- c. <u>Operating Records</u> Since no operating records are available, an evaluation in this area could not be made.
- d. <u>Post-Construction Changes</u> The placement of the extensive nearly level fill between the dam and Madison Hill Road should have had the effect of increasing dam stability. The gunite coating applied to the spillway and wing walls in 1939 has helped reduce deterioration of the underlying concrete. The construction of the 24 inch sanitary sewer across the downstream face of the embankment is not considered to have significantly affected the stability of the dam.
- e. <u>Seismic Stability</u> Middlesex Reservoir Dam is located in Seismic Zone 1 according to the "Seismic Zone Map of the Continguous United States" given in Figure 1, page D-30, "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." This is a zone of very low seismic activity. Experience indicates that dams in Seismic Zone 1 will have adequate stability under seismic loading conditions if they have adequate stability under static loading conditions. As indicated in paragraph 6.1.b., Middlesex Reservoir Dam is considered to have adequate static stability; consequently, further consideration of seismic stability is not considered necessary for this Phase I Inspection Report.

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SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

a. <u>Safety</u> - The deficiencies noted in paragraph 3.1. and their evaluation in paragraph 3.2. reveal that the Middlesex Reservoir Dam is in need of a substantial amount of repair work and maintenance.

The dam which is in the "High" hazard-"Intermediate" size category requires a spillway capacity equal to the P.M.F. in accordance with the "Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams." As presented in paragraph 5.1.d., the spillway will pass only approximately 41 percent of the P.M.F. and is therefore considered to be inadequate. However, this analysis did not take into account the flood attenuation effects that would occur from impoundment of water against the Garden State Parkway bridge and embankments across the reservoir. It is not known how much reduction there would be in the peak P.M.F. discharge at the dam because of the parkway, but the reduction is believed to be substantial.

As a result of this Phase I investigation, it is believed that the dam is not in imminent danger of failure. However, it is concluded that the ability of the spillway to carry very large flood flows can be questioned, and therefore the safety of the dam during major floods is in doubt.

- b. <u>Adequacy of Information</u> In general, the information available for this Phase I investigation, although limited, is considered adequate, except that more detailed hydraulic and hydrologic data is needed to assess more accurately the spillway capacity and peak P.M.F. flow at the dam.
- c. <u>Urgency</u> The repair and maintenance work as well as other recommendations contained in paragraph 7.2 should be implemented without delay. The priorities for performing the recommended items of work are also indicated.
- d. <u>Necessity for Further Investigation</u> Further hydrologic investigation of this dam by the owner is considered necessary. The investigation should be directed initially toward the flood attenuation effects of the Garden State Parkway bridge and

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embankment to determine if they would prevent overtopping of the dam, and toward more accurately determining the spillway capacity using more detailed hydraulic and hydrologic data.

7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS/REMEDIAL MEASURES

The visual inspection, review of available information and hydraulic/hydrologic analyses performed reveal that the following studies and repairs should be implemented by the owner. These recommendations are as follows:

- It is recommended that the owner immediately engage a qualified engineer with experience in dams, bridges and hydraulics/hydrology to promptly perform the following additional investigations:
 - a) Determine the flood attenuation effects of the Garden State Parkway bridge and embankments, and determine if the attenuation effects will prevent overtopping of the Middlesex Reservoir Dam. This investigation should include a detailed analysis of hydraulic and hydrologic factors using more precise and sophisticated methods of analysis.
 - b) If appropriate, evaluate the structural ability of the bridge and embankments to resist lateral flood pressures, and the ability of the highway embankments to resist erosion during peak P.M.F. flow conditions.
 - If it is determined that the Garden C) State Parkway will not significantly reduce the peak P.M.F. flow at the dam, or if the stability of the Parkway bridge or embankments can not be relied upon; further engineering study will be necessary to develop recommendations for the dam for remedial action. It should be noted that modifications to the spillway or dam, if required, may aggravate upstream or downstream flooding during high flows. This should be taken into account in the investigation.

- 2) It is recommended that formal emergency procedures be promptly prepared, and prominently displayed and furnished to all appropriate personnel. Work on developing the emergency procedures should begin immediately. The formal emergency procedures should include the following:
 - Procedures for rapid drawdown of the reservoir under emergency conditions.
 - b) Who to notify, including public officials, in case evacuation from the downstream area is necessary.
 - c) The owner should assist public officials in developing an emergency evacuation plan for areas which will be affected in the event of a dam failure.
- 3) It is recommended that extensive repairs be made promptly to all spalled, cracked and deteriorated gunite and exposed concrete surfaces on the spillway weir, downstream face of the spillway, spillway wing walls, concrete outlet apron, and spillway upstream approach slab. (Repair of hairline fractures on the gunite surfaces is not considered necessary at this time.) In addition, it is recommended that a section of the concrete grouted stone paving on the upstream side of the spillway--where the underlying earth is exposed--should be promptly removed and replaced. The central portion of the two feet wide spillway approach slab which is undermined by scour should be promptly backfilled with concrete and all cracks repaired. The slightly undermined section of discharge channel right concrete wall (just downstream from the spillway right wing wall) should also be promptly backfilled with concrete or cement grout. All repair work included in this Recommendation No. 3 should be accomplished by a contractor experienced in such repairs.
- 4) It is recommended that all low and eroded areas of the embankment be promptly filled in, graded, treated, and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent further erosion. Particular attention should be

given to filling in the low areas adjacent to the right spillway wall and at the crest adjacent to the gate house so as to minimize the overtopping potential. These low areas should be filled in to the top of dam design elevation and verified by instrument surveying.

- 5) The severely deteriorated and failed concrete slope paving on the upstream embankment slope should be promptly replaced or covered with riprap. Alternately, some other effective means of protecting the embankment slope may be devised and implemented. Regardless of which corrective measure is taken, the solution to this problem must be properly engineered.
- 6) All wood, debris and trash which is present in the spillway apron area and outlet channel should be promptly removed and properly disposed of.

The inspection of the dam also revealed other items of work which should be performed by the owner in the near future. These are recommended below as follows:

- 1) Several items of work are recommended for the spillway discharge channel. Specifically, low areas in the channel bottom where riprap has been scoured out should be filled in with large riprap. The steep, eroding left channel side slope with sloughage should be regraded to a flatter slope followed by proper soil treatment and seeding to prevent erosion. The toe of the left channel side slope should be stabilized to prevent scour by placing properly engineered riprap. The relatively minor bank erosion of the right channel slope should be graded, treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent further erosion. Alternately, properly designed riprap may be placed for protection.
- 2) Other areas which are bare and eroding such as the left reservoir bank near the spillway wing wall and the slope adjacent to the pipe outlet structure should be properly treated and seeded to prevent erosion.
- 3) It is recommended that the owner thoroughly examine the dam and abutment areas for evidence of any seepage that may occur during normal and high reservoir levels. Should the owner

detect any seepage, it is recommended that he engage a qualified engineer to examine and evaluate the significance of the seepage. Appropriate engineered corrective measures should be taken to control or prevent seepage if this is found to be necessary.

- 4) All brush and trees on the embankment and adjacent to the abutments should be removed, and any bare areas that may result from this work should be properly treated and seeded to prevent erosion. Periodic mowing of the grass should be performed.
- 5) The groundhog burrow extending under the slope paving near the gate house should be filled in with compacted earth.

Finally, it is strongly recommended that the general level of maintenance of the dam and appurtenances be upgraded and that formal periodic inspections be conducted by the owner.

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- Photo 1 View of Concrete Overflow Spillway and Riprap in Foreground - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 2 Picture of Spillway Concrete Approach Slab on Upstream Side (Top) and Deteriorated Concrete Grouted Stone Paving Spillway Approach Slope (Foreground) Which Has Eroded Out Causing Underming of Concrete Approach Slab - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 3 Spalled Area on Spillway Concrete Apron Near Right Wing Wall - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 4 View of Right Wing Wall Showing Gunite Repair and Deteriorated Concrete Below Gunite (Note Eroded Surface of Upstream Embankment Slope and Remains of Concrete Slope Paving on Embankment Slope) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 5 Picture of Spillway Right Wing Wall With Spalling of Gunite and Concrete Apron in Foreground (Debris Is Located at Edge of Concrete Apron) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 6 Downstream Embankment Slope Partially Covered With Brush and Small Trees (View Is Toward East or Toward Spillway Not Visible in Picture) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 7 Looking West Across Crest of Embankment Toward Gate House at Right AButment (Note Small Trees and Brush on Embankment) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 8 Picture of Deteriorated Concrete Slope Paving on Upstream Side of Embankment (View Is Toward East or Toward Spillway) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 9 Failed Section of Embankment Concrete Slope Paving Within 50 Feet of Spillway Right Wing Wall -21 June 1978.
- Photo 10 Overall View of Outlet Channel Showing Debris in Foreground and Sanitary Sewer Bridging Stream Channel - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 11 Close-Up of Riprap and Debris Immediately Downstream From Concrete Apron - 21 June 1978.

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Photo 12 - View of Steep (1:1) Outlet Channel Slope With Sloughage (Note Corner of Left Wing Wall and Debris in Foreground) - 21 June 1978. 0

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- Photo 13 Steep Outlet Channel Slope (1:1) With Sloughage (Slope Is Approximately 25 Feet High) - 21 June 1978.
- Photo 14 Picture of Lower Portion of Outlet Channel With Dumped Concrete Rubble Slope Protection) -June 21, 1978.

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CHECK LIST - VISUAL INSPECTION

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EMBANKMENT	OBSERVATIONS	No embankment drains are present.	A groundhog burrow was noted extending under the slope paving about 50 feet from the right abutment gate house.			
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MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM	OUTLET WORKS	
VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
CRACKING AND SPALLING OF CONCRETE SURFACES IN OUTLET CONDUIT	The outlet conduit which extends from the gate house to near the Madison Hill Road Bridge could not be observed.	
INTAKE STRUCTURE	The intake structure consists of a gate house located at the right abutment. Six gates are provided for flow to the water treatment plant A seventh lower pate for	
55	draining the reservoir was open during the visual inspec- tion. The intake structure, or gate house, appeared to be functioning normally.	
OUTLET STRUCTURE	The outlet structure consists of a 24 inch diameter out- let pipe and concrete head wall with wing. The 24 inch pipe was flowing half full. The outlet structure appeared to be in good condition. The upstream bank (four feet high) adjacent to the outlet structure was bare of vegetation for a distance of 20 feet.	The bare area should be treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent erosion.
OUTLET CHANNEL	The 24 inch outlet pipe discharges directly into the stream channel of Robinsons Branch. No other outlet "channel" for this pipe is needed.	
EMERGENCY GATE	There is none.	

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OUTLET WORKS	OBSERVATIONS	Some minor cracks and spalled areas of the gate house concrete walls and right abutment wing wall were observed.			
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UNGATED SPILLWAY	MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM	VISUAL EXAMINATION OF OBSERVATIONS	 The upstream approach slope to the spillway crest appears to be a rough concrete grouted stone paving. At about midspan, earth beneath the paving is exposed where the paving has deteriorated. 	2) Immediately upstream from the weir crest there is a two feet wide concrete approach slab which is cracked and slightly settled from the right spillway wall to about midspan. At midspan, this slab is undermined by scour. The portion of the slab from this point to the left spillway wall shows only minor evidence of deterioration.	3) Minor spalling of the gunite on the weir crest was present five feet from the right spillway wall. Several large (up to 3' x 7' x 1-1/2") spalled areas of the gunite are present on the weir face and downstream apron, exposing wire mesh, the original concrete and large rocks in the original concrete near the left end of the apron. Some of the spalled areas and small cracks (1/16 inch) on the apron gunite are linear (parallel with the direction of flow) and are spaced at 15 to 20 feet intervals. These may reflect monolithic or construction joints in the original concrete. Hairline cracks were present throughout the gunite surfaces.	 The left spillway wall which is covered with gunite shows hairline cracks, throughout, and some leaching of calcite. No other problems were noted. (Continued on next page)
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		REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	 A section of the grouted paving at midspan, where the underlying earth is exposed, should be removed and replaced. 	2) The upstream concrete slab adjacent to the spillway crest should have all cracks repaired and undermined portions backfilled with concrete.	3) All spalled areas and cracks (larger than hairline cracks) on the spillway crest, face and apron should be repaired. This work should be done by a contractor experienced in this type of repair work.	 The cracks in the gunite of the left spillway wall are not considered serious enough at this time to require repairs, but the condition of this wall should be monitored periodically and repaired as necessary.

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SPILLWAY WALLS (Continued)	2)	The right spillway wall shows hairline cracks throughout. A 1/2 inch wide settlement crack is located across the top of the wall adajacent to the spillway. Considerable spalling of the gunited surfaces was observed.	2)	The settlement crack should be repaired. See item l remarks for hairline cracks in gunite. All spalled areas should be repaired.
58	3)	A low wall on the right side of the spillway is located downstream from the apron. This wall shows a slight misalignment probably due to earth pressure. The wall appeared to be undermined four inches by scour for a length of 20 feet.	3)	The misalignment is not considered serious enough to warrant correction. The undermined section should be corrected by backfilling with concrete or cement grout.
APPROACH CHANNEL	The second	There is none.		
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	=	The bottom of the spillway discharge channel is protected with large riprap, but low spots have formed adjacent to the apron and 150 feet downstream where the riprap has washed away.	=	Low areas should be filled in with large riprap.
	2)	Considerable wood debris and trash was located in the channel immediately downstream from the spillway apron, as well as on the apron.	2)	All debris and trash should be removed and properly disposed.
	3)	The left spillway discharge channel slope was noted to have some erosion where the slope is as steep as 1:1, 100 <u>±</u> feet downstream from the spillway. The outlet channel slope is highest (26 feet) in this area, and sloughage of soil on the slope is occurring. No major landsliding is present. (Continued on next page)	3)	The slope should be regraded to a flatter slope ratio. The toe of the slope should be protected with large riprap. Soil above the riprap should be treated and seeded with an appropriate seeding mixture to prevent erosion.
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Sheet	REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	4) The right slope should be graded, treated and seeded with an appropriate mixture, or alternately riprap should be placed to prevent erosion.		
UNGATED SPILLWAY	OBSERVATIONS	4) The right spillway discharge channel slope was observed to have minor bank erosion.	A 24 inch diameter iron or steel sanitary sewer line bridges over the discharge channel about 200 feet downstream from the spillway. No problems with this bridge or its piers were observed.	
	VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	DISCHARGE CHANNEL (Continued)	BRIDGE AND PIERS	59

	GATED SPILLWAY	
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VISUAL EXAMINATION OF	OBSERVATIONS REMARKS OR RECOMMENDATIONS	ENDATIONS
CONCRETE SILL	Not Applicable	
APPROACH CHANNEL	Not Applicable	
DISCHARGE CHANNEL	Not Applicable	
BRIDGE AND PIERS	Not Applicable	
GATES AND OPERATION EQUIPMENT	Not Applicable	
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	INSTRUMENTATION	OBSERVATIONS	No monumentation was noted.	There are none.	There are none.	There are none.			
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·	DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL		OBSERVATIONS REM No obstructions, significant accumulations of debris, or other problems were observed.	No problems were noted in the downstream channel at the Madison Hill bridge or further downstream, where	the side slopes are mostly gentle and well vegetated.	The town of Rahway with a population of 29,114 is located immediately downstream from the Middlesex Reservoir Dam. The sections of Rahway which are adjacent to Robinsons Branch of the Rahway River are highly urbanized.		
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DESIGN REPORTS None are available.
GEOLOGY REPORTS None are available. However, logs of test pits and borings drilled in the vicinity of the dam was included in this report as Plate 4. Subsurface information is also shown on the profile of the dam on Plate 2.
DESIGN COMPUTATIONS None were available for this investigation. HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULICS DAM STABILITY SEEPAGE STUDIES 9
MATERIALS INVESTIGATIONS The only data available were the test pit and boring records shown on Plate 4. BORING RECORDS LABORATORY FIELD
POST-CONSTRUCTION SURVEYS OF DAM None are available.
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MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

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MONITORING SYSTEMS None were installed.

Concrete surfaces of spillway and wing walls were covered with gunite in 1939. = MODIFICATIONS

- A 24 inch diameter steel or iron sanitary sewer line was constructed across the downstream face of the embankment from the right abutment to the middle of the dam. Date of construction was not available. 5
- Flashboards were installed in early 1960's across spillway to raise the reservoir pool elevation by 1.6 feet to increase storage. Flashboards were removed about 1969. 3)
- A narrow (two \pm feet wide) concrete approach apron to the spillway crest has been constructed. The date of this construction was not available. 4

None are available but according to the owner's representation, Mr. Edward Bastian, the dam is not known to have ever been overtopped. HIGH POOL RECORDS

POST-CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING None have been performed. STUDIES AND REPORTS

PRIOR ACCIDENTS OR FAILURE OF DAM There are none. DESCRIPTION REPORTS

MAINTENANCE OPERATION RECORDS

None were available for the Phase I Investigation.
Cross sections and details of the spillway are shown on Plate 2. SPILLWAY PLAN A plan showing the spillway is included in this report as Plate 1. REMARKS MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM SECTIONS DETAILS ITEM

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OPERATING EQUIPMENT Available information for the gate house located at the right abutment is shown on Plate 3. PLANS & DETAILS

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19.1 square miles (based on 7.5 minute U.S.G.S.
DRAINAGE AREA CHARACTERISTICS: topographic maps) of nearly level glaciated terrain
which is mostly urbanized
ELEVATION TOP NORMAL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): 44.0 (1470 acre-feet)
ELEVATION TOP FLOOD CONTROL POOL (STORAGE CAPACITY): Not Applicable
ELEVATION MAXIMUM DESIGN POOL: Not Applicable
ELEVATION TOP DAM: 50.0
CREST:
a. Elevation 44.0 b. Type Concrete ogee c. Width <u>30 feet sloping approach channel</u> d. Length <u>149.3 feet</u> e. Location Spillover <u>Left abutment</u> f. Number and Type of Gates <u>None</u>
OUTLET WORKS:
Six (6) 36 inches square openings to gate chamber at
a. Type three levels (originally constructed).
b. Location <u>Gate chamber at right abutment</u>
c. Entrance inverts El.'s 31.0, 35.5 and 40.0
d. Exit inverts _ El. 30.8 for water supply purpose
e. Emergency draindown facilities 24 inch concrete pipe from gate
chamber to downstream channel HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL GAGES: None
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c. Records
MAXIMUM NON-DAMAGING DISCHARGE Not available

NAME OF DAM: MIDDLESEX RESERVOIR DAM

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APPENDIX C

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DAMS IN NEW JERSEY - REFERENCE DATA

Upstream slope 2:1 Downstream slope 2:1 Volume Cu. yds. SPILLWAY: Type Concrete ogee Length 155 ft. RESERVOIR: Capacity mill. gals. Area acres. Length ft. ft. Date: 11/17/24 7 RCHINSONS BRANCH 10. 26-23 Name of Dam Pobinsons Branch County Union Location 5.31.1.6.9 Hiddleser Later Conpany Address Woodbridge . N.J. Remarks Spillway at left. Concretes Well and brick gate house at Right end. DRAINAGE BASIN: Area 22.0 sq. mi. Description Rolling, cultiveted Purposeater supply Type Earth - concrete wings. Description of valley below dam, Rolling, partly mooded, inhebited. Leagth 550 ft. Max height 20. ft. Max. width of base 20 DAMS IN NEW JERSEY-REFERENCE DATA Pahrey Piver Sources of dat: Men at pumping station and inspection J.N.B. CONSTRUCTIOM: Date 1507 By whom Outlets 3 - 12" pipes in turnel to purps Purpose ator supuly Type Foundation (?) Previous (date) licne Name of Owner Middlesex Water Co. ast bainets' daes sated in eah Manue Conpensal. n. liss fue's vanit

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