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BRIEF ASSESSMENT

Abbott Memorial Trust Dam is an 81 foot long concrete and stone masonry gravity dam. The spillway is approximately 60 feet long and is founded on bedrock. There are no operating outlets at the dam although there was previously an intake to a mill building on the right bank and a 3.3 foot by 4 foot opening in the spillway which had a sluice gate control. The dam is owned by the Abbott Machine Company and some type of dam has existed at the site since 1837. The present dam was built in 1906.

The dam lies on Stony Brook which is a tributary to the Souhegan River. The drainage area is 33 square miles and is forested with steep slopes and narrow drainage channels. The dam's maximum impoundment of 75 acre-feet and height of 23 feet place the dam in the SMALL size category. A dam failure would cause little threat of loss of life and small amounts of property damage resulting in a LOW hazard potential classification.

Based on the size and hazard classification and in accordance with the Corps' guidelines, the Test Flood (TF) is taken as the 100 year flood. This yields a flow at the dam of 5,700 cfs. This flow results in a water level of 9.8 feet above the spillway crest which is 0.2 feet below the ground level at the left abutment which is the lowest point of the non overflow portion of the dam. The spillway capacity with water at the top of the dam is 5880 cfs.

The dam is in FAIR condition at the present time and requires some routine maintenance. The owner should retain the services of a registered professional engineer to monitor the seepage at the left downstream training wall to determine the necessity to design seals or rehabilitate the abandoned intake and sluice gate structures, and to determine the method of draining the impoundment pool to permit remedial measures to be accomplished. Recommended remedial measures include draining the impoundment pool to repair the stone masonry, repairing all voids at the

base of the spillway, repairing all deteriorated concrete, repairing the pipe rail fences, and instituting a program of annual technical inspections.

The recommendations and improvements outlined above should be implemented within one year of receipt of this report by the owner.



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PREFACE

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

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

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can 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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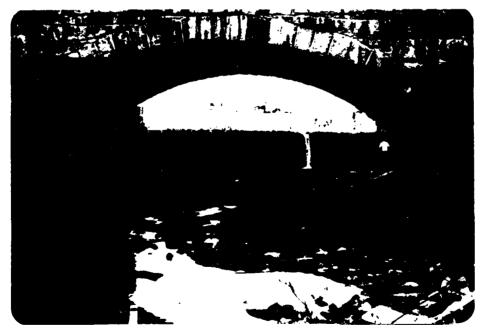
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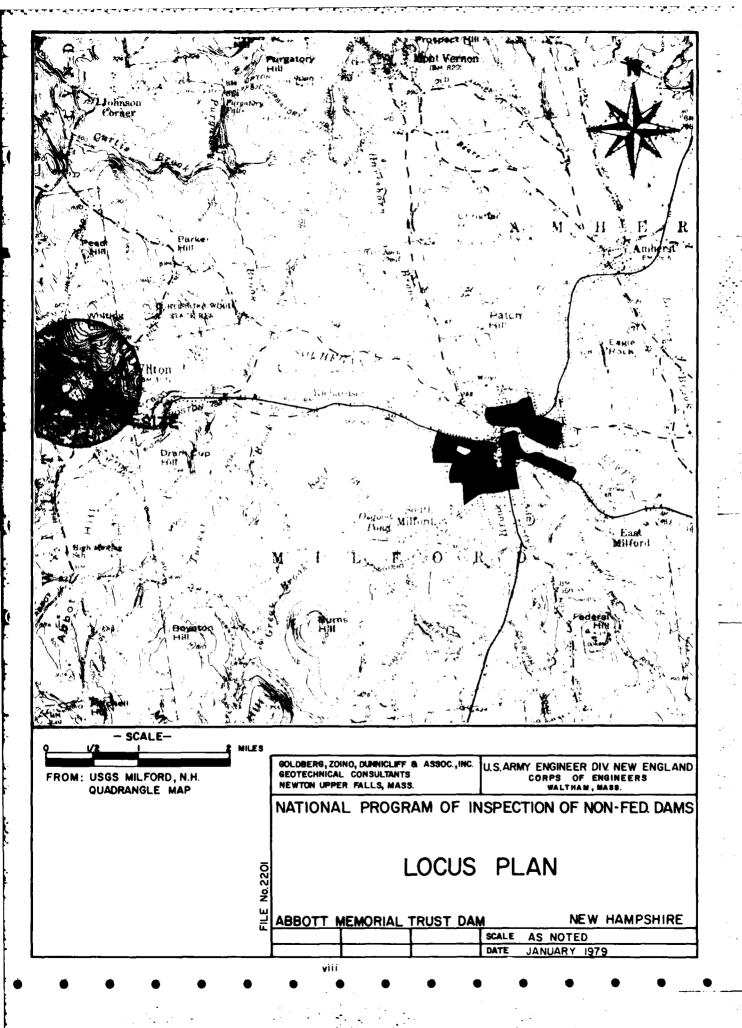
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Overview from road bridge downstream of dam



Overview from downstream channel showing opening under road bridge



PHASE I INSPECTION REPORT

ABBOTT MEMORIAL TRUST DAM

SECTION 1

PROJECT INFORMATION

1.1 General

(a) Authority

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers. to initiate a national program of dam inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. 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 was issued to GZD under a letter of November 28, 1978 from Colonel Max B. Scheider, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW 33-78-C-0013 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

(b) Purpose

- (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 non-federal 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 the condition of the dam.

1.2 Description of Project

(a) Location

The Abbott Memorial Trust Dam lies on Stony Brook in the town of Wilton, New Hampshire. The dam is located approximately 50 feet upstream from the bridge carrying N.H. Route 31 over Stony Brook in Wilton, N.H. The dam is located approximately 200 feet upstream from the confluence of Stony Brook and the Souhegan River. The portion of USGS Milford, N.H. quadrangle presented previously shows this locus. Figure 1 of Appendix B is a site plan developed from the map and the site visit.

(b) Description of Dam and Appurtenances

The dam consists of a concrete faced, stone masonry, gravity spillway; upstream and downstream cemented stone masonry walls on the left bank; and five splayed, cemented stone masonry walls capped with concrete on the right bank. A stone arch tailrace outlet is located on the right downstream spandrel wall of the arch bridge located just downstream of the spillway. This tailrace had its origin at the right wall, upstream of and approximately parallel to the spillway axis.

The dam shown on the overview photos (P. vii) is approximately 81 feet long of which the spillway is approximately 60 feet long. The left end wall of the dam is about 11.5 feet above the spillway crest. The right end of the dam is approximately 12.9 feet above spillway crest elevation. This includes a 7.7 foot concrete extension. The lowest point at which flow can bypass the dam is 10 feet above the spillway crest. This low area is located on the left side upstream of the end wall. The dam is founded on bedrock.

1) Left Training Walls

These structures are constructed with cemented stone masonry with a cemented squared stone masonry capstone approximately 18 inches wide. The total length of these walls is approximately 125 feet and are aligned approximately as shown on Figure 2 of Appendix B.

2) Spillway

This is a stone masonry gravity structure faced and capped with concrete. The spillway is about 60 feet long. The maximum height of the spillway is 10.5 feet at the 3.3 foot by 4 foot

tunnel opening. The spillway is as little as 5 feet high at the left end. The crest is about 2 feet wide and the downstream face has a batter of 1 horizontal to 6 vertical.

There are seven rectangular openings (overview photo and photo 6) on the downstream face. The opening on the right side is 3.3 feet wide by 4 feet high and houses an abandoned sluice gate. The other openings are pressure relief vents and are 2 feet square.

3) Right End Walls and Training Walls

These structures consist of dry and cemented stone masonry with a concrete wall addition that is 7.7 feet high. The downstream masonry walls are cemented while the upstream walls are dry. The tops of the concrete walls are approximately 2 feet wide and support a pipe rail fence. The overall length of these walls is about 118 feet. The walls are laid out approximately as shown on Figure 2 of Appendix B.

4) Intake Structure and Tailrace

The intake structure is located in the right end wall between the right end of the spillway and the right upstream training wall. The intake structure is about 10 feet wide and extends upstream approximately 4 feet. The inlet is about 3 feet wide with a rectangular shape. The height could not be determined. The outlet extends through a secondary arch of the right downstream spandrel wall of the bridge. The overall height of the outlet is 6.5 feet to the crown and 8 feet wide. The height from the spring line to the crown is 3 feet.

(c) Size Classification

The dam's maximum impoundment of 75 acre-feet and height of 23 feet place the dam in the SMALL size category according to the Corps' of Engineers recommended guidelines.

(d) Hazard Potential Classification

The hazard potential classification for the dam is LOW. In the event of a dam failure, the outflow will not affect structures downstream unless the Souhegan River is concurrently at flood stage. At high stages the failure flow will add no more than a 0.5 foot flood increment to the flood level.

(e) Ownership

The dam is owned by the Abbott Machine Company of Wilton, N.H. Mr. Derek Smith is responsible for the dam and can be reached by telephone at 603-654-2341.

(f) Operator

No operation of the dam is performed.

(g) Purpose of Dam

The dam was originally used to supply power for a mill building previously located on the right side of the dam.

(h) Design and Construction History

A dam was originally built at the site in 1837. In 1906 the present dam was constructed at the site.

(i) Normal Operational Procedure

No operation of the dam is performed.

1.3 Pertinent Data

(a) Drainage Area

The Abbott Memorial Trust Dam receives runoff from a 33 square mile area. The watershed is predominantly forested and hilly with steep slopes and narrow drainage channels. There are a few ponds, reservoirs, and swampy areas upstream. In particular, the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) has constructed four flood control dams in this watershed, which are designed to reduce flood peaks. These four dams control a drainage area of approximately 12.5 square miles.

(b) Discharge at Damsite

- (1) There are no operating outlet works at the dam. The 3.3 foot by 4 foot opening houses a sluice gate, but the gate is no longer used or operable. The intake structure to the former mill building is also not operable.
- (2) The maximum recorded flood depth occurred on September 21, 1938 and was 8 feet above the spill-way crest with a flow of approximately 4200 cfs. Since 1938 four SCS flood control dams have been constructed which should reduce the peak flood flows.
- (3) The ungated spillway capacity with water level at the top of dam elevation 358.9 is 5880 cfs.
- (4) The ungated spillway capacity at Test Flood elevation 357.7 is 5700 cfs.
- (5) Gated spillway capacity at normal pond elevation Not applicable
- (6) Gated spillway capacity at Test Flood elevation Not applicable
- (7) Total spillway capacity at Test Flood elevation Same as (4) above
- (8) Total project discharge at Test Flood elevation Same as (4) above

(c) Elevation (ft. above MSL)

- (1) Streambed at centerline of Dam: 339 +
- (2) Maximum tailwater: Unknown
- (3) Upstream portal invert diversion tunnel: NA
- (4) Recreation pool: NA
- (5) Full flood control pool: NA
- (6) Spillway crest (gated): NA
- (7) Design surcharge (original design): Unknown

- (8) Top Dam: 358.9 (ground surface left of dam)
- (9) Test flood design surcharge: 357.7

(d) Reservoir

- (1) Length of maximum pool: 1500 ft. +
- (2) Length of normal pool: 700 ft. +
- (3) Length of flood control pool: NA

(e) Storage (acre-feet)

- (1) Recreation pool: NA
- (2) Flood control pool: NA
- (3) Spillway crest pool: 25 ±
- (4) Top of dam: 75 +
- (5) Test flood pool: $70 \pm$

(f) Reservoir Surface (acres)

- (1) Recreation pool: NA
- (2) Flood-control pool: NA
- (3) Spillway crest: 5 +
- (4) Test flood pool: 7 +
- (5) Top dam: 7.5 +

(g) Dam

- (1) Type: Stone masonry and concrete gravity
- (2) Length: 81 ft.
- (3) Height: 23 ft.
- (4) Top width: 2 ft.
- (5) Side slopes: Vertical
- (6) Zoning: NA

- (7) Impervious Core: NA
- (8) Cutoff: None
- (9) Grout curtain: Unknown
- (10) Other:
- (h) Diversion and Regulating Tunnel

NA

(i) Spillway

- (1) Type: Stone masonry with concrete cap and facing
- (2) Length of weir: 60 ft.
- (3) Crest elevation: 348.9
- (4) Gates: 3.3 ft. wide by 4 ft. high (not operable)
- (5) U/S channel: Width of stream
- (6) D/S channel: Width of stream
- (7) General:

(j) Regulating Outlets

There are no operable regulating outlet. The intake at the right side has been filled with boulders and rubble. The 3.3 by 4 ft. sluice gate in the spillway is closed and has no operating mechanism. The invertelevation of the gate is approximately 343.

SECTION 2 - ENGINEERING DATA

2.1 Design Records

The design of the dam is quite simple and incorporates no unusual features. No design records are available for the dam.

2.2 Construction Records

No construction records are available for the dam.

2.3 Operational Records

No operational records are available except for the observation that the 1938 flood depth at the dam was approximately 8 feet above the spillway crest.

2.4 Evaluation of Data

(a) Availability

The lack of design and construction data warrants an unsatisfactory assessment for availability.

(b) Adequacy

The lack of in-depth engineering data does not permit a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of the dam cannot be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing the design and construction data. This assessment is thus based primarily on the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgment.

(c) Validity

Since the observations of the inspection team generally confirm the information contained in the records of the New Hampshire Water Resources Board, a satisfactory evaluation for validity is indicated.

SECTION 3 - VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

3.1 Findings

(a) General

The Abbott Memorial Trust Dam is in FAIR condition at the present time.

(b) Dam

(1) Left Training Walls (See Fig. 2 of Appendix B)

The stone masonry at the base of the down-stream training wall has ravelled. The ravelling is located immediately downstream of the spillway, and a void approximately 5 feet long, 2 feet high, and 18 inches deep has resulted. Chinking stones have been displaced at the base of the wall for an additional 10 feet. The unravelling and displacements are attributed to scouring and ice damage. The joints of the lower 2 feet of the wall are completely void of mortar.

Seepage (Photo 2) of approximately 15 to 30 gpr was flowing through the interface of the stone and the rock foundation. Steel shear pins have been driven immediately downstream of the spillway to resist lateral movement of the base of the wall. Supplementary stone masonry was set in mortar in the vicinity of the downstream angle point in the wall. This masonry was placed in front of the original wall for approximately 15 feet. A prior failure had occurred at this location. Seepage at the rate of 2 to 4 gpm was flowing through a vertical joint between the downstream end of this wall and the bridge spandrel wall. The outlet for the seepage is approximately 1 foot below spillway crest elevation. Minor joint erosion was observed along the wall.

The upstream training wall (Photo 1) extending to the splayed portion of the wall has eroded joints to a height of 5 feet above its base and running for the length of the wall. The erosion is attributed to scouring and ice damage. A former opening, which has been sealed with cemented stone masonry, is located at the base of the wall approximately 22 feet upstream of the spillway. Approximately 10 feet further upstream another opening has been sealed with cemented stone masonry. There is

considerable vegetation including a 3 inch sapling flourishing on the face of this wall.

The upstream splayed wall and its extension are in good condition with no evidence of displaced stones, bulging, or other signs of distress. The left bank is unpaved.

(2) Spillway

The top of the srillway (Photos 5 and 6) is capped with granolithic concrete. The cap is spalled over 50 of its surface area, and the spalling is up to 4 inches deep. Three full length constructions joints on the upstream face have opened over the entire length of the spillway. The surface spalling and joint erosion is attributed to ice damage. Seepage was observed at the interface with both training walls.

Surface erosion (Photo 6) has occurred at the downstream base adjacent to and between tunnel openings. Erosion on the right side of the right tunnel opening is approximately 12 inches high, 2.5 feet long, and 12 inches deep. Erosion has occurred under a boulder adjacent to this tunnel opening. Erosion between the second and third tunnel is approximately 3 feet long, 3 inches high, and 4 inches deep. Minor erosion has occurred between the third and fourth tunnels. Additional erosion has occurred at the base of the spillway adjacent to the left training wall. One section is 8 inches square and 8 inches deep while the second is 10 feet long, 8 inches high, and 3 inches deep. The erosion at the base is attributed to cavitation and ice damage.

The 3.3 foot by 4 foot opening (Photo 6) is an outlet for a tunnel with an inclined metal sluice rate. The gate is set at a 1 horizontal to 1 vertical slope and is located approximately 15 feet upstream of the downstream spillway face. No operating equipment was observed. Seepage was observed flowing through the tunnel at a rate of 10 to 20 gpm. The remaining six square openings are pressure relief vents 15 inches deep and terminate at the face of the original stone masonry dam. Minor seepage was observed at these openings. Reinforcing steel is exposed and rusted at the tops of all seven openings.

(3) Right End Wall and Training Walls

The downstream training wall (overview photo) is constructed of cemented stone masonry with a concrete cap approximately 7.7 feet high on top of the wall. The base of the cap is founded on a bench approximately 5.2 feet above spillway crest level. The wall is in good condition with no evidence of displaced stones, bulges, or other signs of distress. Vegetation is growing on the bench at the base of the concrete wall. The concrete wall is in good condition with no evidence of spalls, cracks, or efflorescence. The 2 pipe rail fence is approximately 1.3 feet high. It has been vandalized, and post and rail sections are missing. The low masonry wall at this location is in good condition, with the exception of minor joint erosical.

The right end wall extends from the spillway for a distance of about 21 feet. The original wall was of concrete and extended about 2 feet above the spillway crest. Two courses of stone masonry, approximately 3 feet high, have been placed above this concrete. A concrete extension that is 7.7 feet high has been placed on the stone masonry. The original concrete wall at the end of the spillway is eroded up to 2 inches deep from the spillway crest level to 3 feet below the spillway crest. The erosion is attributed to ice damage. The cemented stone masonry is in good condition with no loss of joint mortar, evidence of displacement, bulging, or other signs of distress. The upper concrete wall is in good condition with no evidence of smalls. cracks, or efflorescence. The pipe rail fence is in good condition at this location.

The upstream training wall and return wall (Photo 3) are constructed of dry stone masonry capped with a concrete wall of variable height. The top of the concrete wall is approximately 3 feet lower than the concrete walls at the end wall and downstream training walls. The stone masonry wall is in good condition with no evidence of spalls, cracks, or efflorescence. The upstream end of the pipe rail fence has missing rails.

The stone steps located between the return wall and the channel slope paving consist of 10 risers of 1 foot height. These steps are in good

condition with no evidence of subsidence or displacement. The dry slope paving has been laid at approximately a 2 horizontal to 1 vertical slope and is in good condition with no evidence of subsidence or displacement.

(4) Intake Structure and Tailrace

This structure (Photo 4) is probably a concrete-faced and capped structure which was included in the original dam construction. There was no sign of any operating equipment or sluice gate at the time of the inspection. The top of the structure is approximately 5 feet above crest level. The tail-race was partially demolished upstream of the roadway and rubble fill sealed the opening in the tunnel. At the time of inspection, seepage at the rate of 0.1 gpm or less was observed flowing at the tailrace outlet.

3.2 Evaluation

The Abbott Memorial Trust Dam is in FAIR condition at the present time. Some maintenance type repairs need to be performed to allow the continued use of the dam. In particular, repair of deteriorated concrete and stone masonry walls needs to be done.

SECTION 4 - OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

4.1 Operational Procedures

No operation is performed at the dam.

4.2 Maintenance of Dam

No maintenance program exists for the dam.

4.3 Maintenance of Operating Facilities

There are no operating facilities at the dam.

4.4 Description of Warning System

There is no formal warning system for the dam.

4.5 Evaluation

The dam's present FAIR condition is a direct result of the lack of a maintenance program for the dam. Repair of deteriorated concrete needs to be performed.

SECTION 5 - HYDRAULICS/HYDROLOGY

5.1 Evaluation of Features

(a) Gen<u>era</u>l

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The dam is a stone masonry and concrete gravity dam with a total length of about 81 feet and a height of 23 feet. The dam is a run-of-the-river structure with a small retention pool. The drainage area is 33 square miles of hilly and forested terrain.

(b) Design Data

Data sources available for Abbott Memorial Trust Dam include prior inventory and inspection reports. The New Hampshire Water Control Commission's "Data on Dams in New Hampshire" (September 26, 1939) and "Data on Water Power Developments in New Hampshire" (September 26, 1939); the New Hampshire Water Resources Board's "Inventory of Dams and Water Power Developments" (August 26, 1936) and "Survey of Existing New Hampshire Dams" (August 10, 1937); and the Public Service Commission's of New Hampshire "Dam Record" (September 3, 1936) provide much of the basic data for the dam. Inspection reports from June 6, 1940; July 11, 1951; and July 25, 1975 are also available.

Anderson Nichols Company (ANCO) provided copies of data, computations, and drawings performed for a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) which included Stony Brook, the Souhegan River, and Abbott Memorial Trust Dam. These included cross-section data and 10, 50, 100, and 500-year peak discharge at the dam as well as a topographic map and water surface profiles of Stony Brook and the Souhegan River as they pass through Wilton.

(c) Experience Data

A Water Control Commission questionnaire completed by the dam's owners concerning flood levels experienced during September 21 through 24, 1938 is available. The reported peak level was about 8 feet above the spillway crest.

(d) Visual Observations

At the left abutment a stone masonry retaining wall rises 11.5 feet above the spillway crest. Behind the wall there is a small park and roadway extending some 58 feet to the left with the ground surface roughly 1.5 feet below the top of the wall or 10 feet above the spillway crest.

At the right abutment the training wall is 12.9 feet above the spillway. A parking area extends from the training wall for approximately 150 feet to the right.

The ground surface is about 4 feet below the top of the wall. On the downstream side of the parking area there is a road that is about 11 feet above the spillway crest level. Just across the road is a factory building which abuts Stony Brook on one side and the Souhegan River on another.

About 60 feet downstream from the dam Stony Brook is crossed by an arch bridge. The opening is 50 feet wide and extends 19 feet above the stream bed at its highest point. About '00 feet further downstream Stony Brook joins the Souhegan River. The Souhegan enters from the right and then makes a 90 degree bend and continues in the direction of Stony Brook.

The Souhegan River in Wilton is confined to about a 20 foot wide channel at low stages but increases at higher stages to a 100 foot or more wide channel bounded by commercial buildings and a steep bank on the left and by a railroad embankment on the right. The first floor of some of the commercial buildings is estimated to be 14 feet above the stream bed, with foundation walls extending 7 to 10 feet below that level. Approximately 600 feet downstream of the dam the Souhegan River is crossed by a railroad bridge with two openings each approximately 50 feet wide and 22 feet high. Further downstream is the Hillsborough Mills Dam which is the focus of another study.

(€) Test Flood Analysis

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. None of the original hydraulic and hydrologic design records are available for use in this study.

Guidelines for establishing a recommended Test Flood based on the size and hazard classifications of a dam are specified in the "Recommended Guidelines" of the Corps of Engineers. The impoundment of 75 acre-feet and height of 23 feet classify the dam as a SMALL structure.

The hazard potential classification for the dam is considered to fall in the LOW category. This is because the dam failure outflow will not affect structures downstream unless the Souhegan River is concurrently at flood stage. At high stages, a dam failure will add about a 0.5 foot increment to the flood level.

As shown in Table 3 of the Corps' of Engineers "Recommended Guidelines," the appropriate Test Flood for a dam classified as SMALL in size with LOW hazard potential would be between the 50-year flood and the 100-year flood. Where a range of values is indicated for the Test Flood, the magnitude of the flood should be related to the hazard potential. Since the hazard potential is on the high side of the LOW category, the Test Flood selected is the 100-year flood.

The previous ANCO FIS provides estimated values for the 10, 50, 100 and 500-year discharges at the dam. These were computed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) using the convex routing method and considered the storage effects of flood control dams built in this watershed by the SCS. The computed 100-year flow rate of 5,700 cfs is adopted as the applicable Test Flood. The surcharge storage volume for this dam is not significant enough to affect the peak discharge rate.

A stage-discharge curve is developed by defining discharge as the sum of flow over the spillway, side walls, flood plains, and side slopes at the ends of the dam. The calculations determining this curve are documented in Appendix D.

The test discharge of 5,700 cfs would result in a maximum stage of 9.8 feet above the spillway crest or 0.2 feet below the roadway and ground surface at the left abutment. A low lying parking area upstream of the dam on the right side would be inundated to a maximum depth of less than one foot by the Test Flood. However, the ground rises and there would be no flow over the right abutment. The results of the hydrologic and hydraulic calculations indicate that the test flows would be 0.2 feet below the ground level at the left abutment. The spillway can pass a flow of 5,880 cfs before the ground at the left abutment would be overtopped. This compares with the Test Flood flow of 5,700 cfs.

(f) Dam Failure Analysis

The peak flow at Abbott Dam that would result from a dam failure is estimated using the procedure suggested in the Corps' of Engineers April 1978 "Rule of Thumb Guidelines for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs." Failure is assumed to occur at the time the ground surface at the left abutment is just overtopped at an elevation of 358.9 feet. Based on the rating curve, the spillway discharge would be 5,880 cfs for this elevation. Assuming a 20 foot gap is opened in the dam, the peak failure outflow through the gap and over the remainder of the spillway would be 7,080 cfs.

At the arched bridge 60 feet downstream of the dam, it is estimated that the dam failure outflow of 7,080 cfs would result in a flow depth just upstream of the bridge of 15.5 feet. As this is considerably less than the height of the opening (19 feet), the bridge should not be threatened. There are no structures between the dam and the bridge.

In the Souhegan River the 7,080 cfs discharge from Stony Brook would not be sufficient, in itself, to cause damaging flooding. If this flow were coincident with a high stage of the Souhegan River, some flood damage might be experienced in town. The additional component of flow due to a dam failure is only 1,280 cis and would result in an increase of flood levels of only 0.5 feet.

SECTION 6 - STRUCTURAL STABILITY

6.1 Evaluation of Structural Stability

(a) Visual Observations

The field investigation revealed no significant displacement or distress that would warrant the preparation of structural stability calculations, based on assumed sectional properties and engineering factors.

(1) Left Training Walls

There has been some ravelling of the downstream stone masonry wall. The upstream training wall has some eroded joints, and some vegetation is growing out of the face of the wall.

(2) Spillway

Spalling of the spillway cap has occurred over 50% of the surface area. Several construction joints have also opened on the upstream face. Surface erosion at the downstream spillway base has occurred. Seepage was observed through the old sluice gate.

(3) Right End Wall and Training Walls

These walls are generally in good condition although some erosion has taken place in the right end wall of the spillway.

(b) Design and Construction Data

No plans or calculations of value to a stability assessment are available for this dam.

(c) Operating Records

The only record of value is that a stage of 8 feet above spillway crest elevation was observed in 1938. It is not clear that the dam is in a similar state of repair now as it was then.

(d) Post Construction Changes

The previous outlets for the dam are no longer operable. Therefore, the pond cannot be drained. The intake structure has been filled with boulders and rubble and the sluice gate is closed with no operating mechanism. The flashboards have also been removed.

(e) Seismic Stability

This dam is located in Seismic Zone No. 2 and, in accordance with recommended Phase I guidelines, does not warrant seismic analysis.

SECTION 7 - ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REMEDIAL MEASURES

7.1 Dam Assessment

(a) Condition

The Abbott Memorial Trust Dam is in FAIR condition. The left downstream training wall is in poor condition.

(b) Adequacy of Information

The lack of in-depth engineering data does not permit a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of the dar cannot be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data. This assessment is thus based primarily on the visual inspection, past performance, and sound engineering judgment.

(c) <u>Urgency</u>

The engineering studies and improvements described herein should be implemented by the owner within one year of receipt of this Phase I Inspection Report.

(d) Need for Additional Investigations

Additional investigations are required as recommended in Paragraph 7.2.

7.2 Recommendations

It is recommended that a registered professional engineer be retained to perform the following services:

- a) Monitor the seepage in the left downstream training wall and to determine the necessity to design seals or rehabilitation of the abandoned intake structure and sluice gate structure.
- b) Determine the method of draining the impoundment pool to permit chinking and monitoring of all voids in the stone masonry and to seal the interfaces of the spillway at its ends.

The owner should implement the findings of the above.

7.3 Remedial Measures

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

- (1) Drain the impoundment pool to permit chinking and mortaring of all voids in the stone masonry and to seal the interfaces of the spillway at its ends.
- (2) Repair all voids at the downstream base of the spillway and the spillway crest.
- (3) Repair all deteriorated concrete at the dam.
- (4) Repair the rail fences on the right bank.
- (5) Remove vegetation from the face of the upstream training walls.
- (6) Institute a program of annual technical inspections.

7.4 Alternatives

One possible alternative to the above recommendations would be to breach the dam.

APPENDIX A VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST

INSPECTION TEAM ORGANIZATION

Date: November 1, 1978

NH 00260 ABBOTT MEMORIAL TRUST DAM Wilton, New Hampshire Stoney Brook NHWRB No. 254.05

Weather: Clear, 55° F \pm

INSPECTION TEAM

Nicholas A. Campagna Goldberg, Zoino, Dunnicliff & Associates (GZD) Team Captain

Robert Minutoli GZD Soils

Andrew Christo Andrew Christo Engineers,

Inc. (ACE)

Structural

Paul Razgha ACE Concrete

Guillermo Vicens* Resource Analysis, Inc. Hydrology

*Mr. Vicens inspected the site on November 8, 1978

CHECK LISTS FOR VISUAL INSPECTION					
_	AREA EVALUATED	B.	ĭ	CONDITION & REMARKS	
DAM	SUPERSTRUCTURE				
Α.	General				
	Vertical alignment and movement	A	<u></u>	No deficiencies noted	
	Horizontal alignment and movement			No deficiencies noted	
В.	Left Training Walls				
	Stone masonry - spillway to bridge			Base of wall ravelled 5' long. 2' high and 18" deep. Chinking stones displaced at base. Masonry joints, bedrock up to 2' high void of mortar. Seepage at the rate of 15 to 30 gpm flowing through base of wall. Seepage flowing at the rate of 2 to 4 gpm through vertical joint of wall and bridge spandrel wall. Minor joint erosion above normal water level	
	Stone masonry - upstream splayed wall to spillway			Masonry joints, bedrock up to 5' high eroded and void of mortar	
	Vegetation			Three inch sapling and other vegetation rooted in joints	
	Stone masonry - splayed wall to bank			No deficiencies noted	
С.	Right Training Walls and Abutment Structure				
	Stone masonry - spillway to bridge			Minor joint erosion	
	Vegetation	A	C	Flourishing on bench	

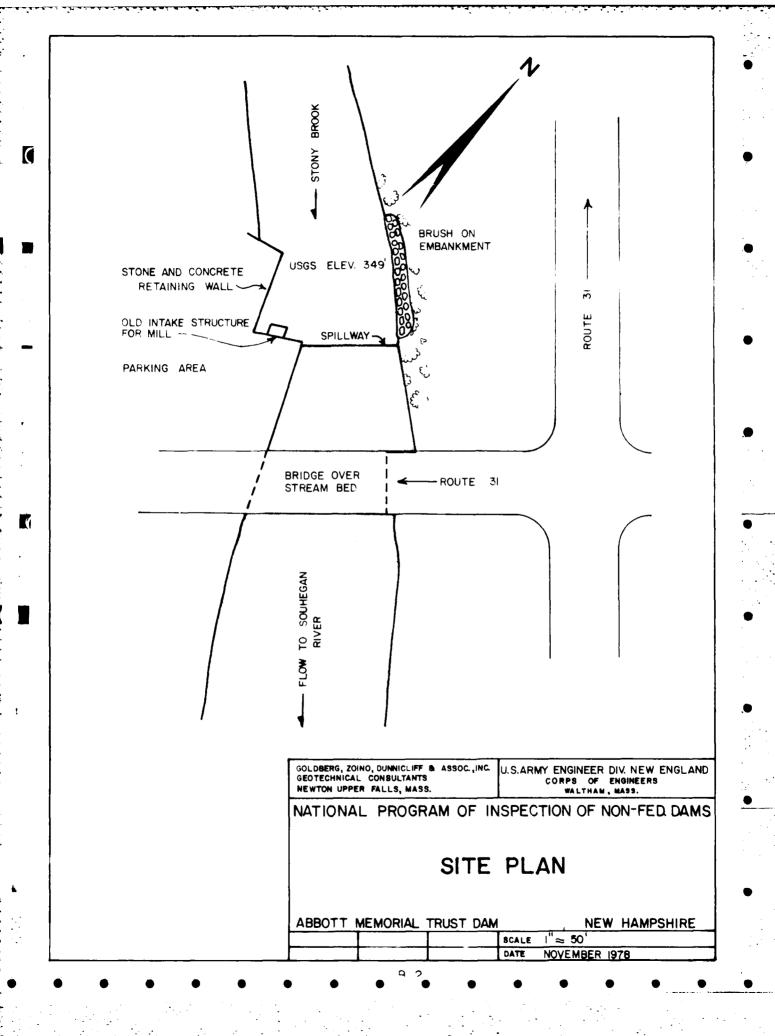
CHECK LISTS FOR VISUAL INSPECTION				
AREA EVALUATED	BZ	CONDITION & REMARKS		
Pipe rail fence	AC	Missing post and rail sections		
Return Wall - Spillway to Right Training Wall				
Concrete wall between end of spillway and intake structure		Eroded 2" deep, 3' high		
Pipe rail fence		No deficiencies noted		
Upstream Training Walls				
Stone masonry		No deficiencies noted		
Pipe rail fence		Missing rail sections		
Stone steps		No deficiencies noted		
Slope paving		No deficiencies noted		
Condition of concrete capping		No deficiencies noted		
Intake and Tailrace Structure				
Condition of gate		Unknown. Outlet sealed		
Operating equipment		Removed		
Condition of concrete		No deficiencies noted		
Condition of tailrace		Tailrace structure partially demolished and sealed upstrea of bridge structure. Exposed cemented squared stone masonr in good condition		
Seepage	AC	At the rate of 0.1 gpm or les		

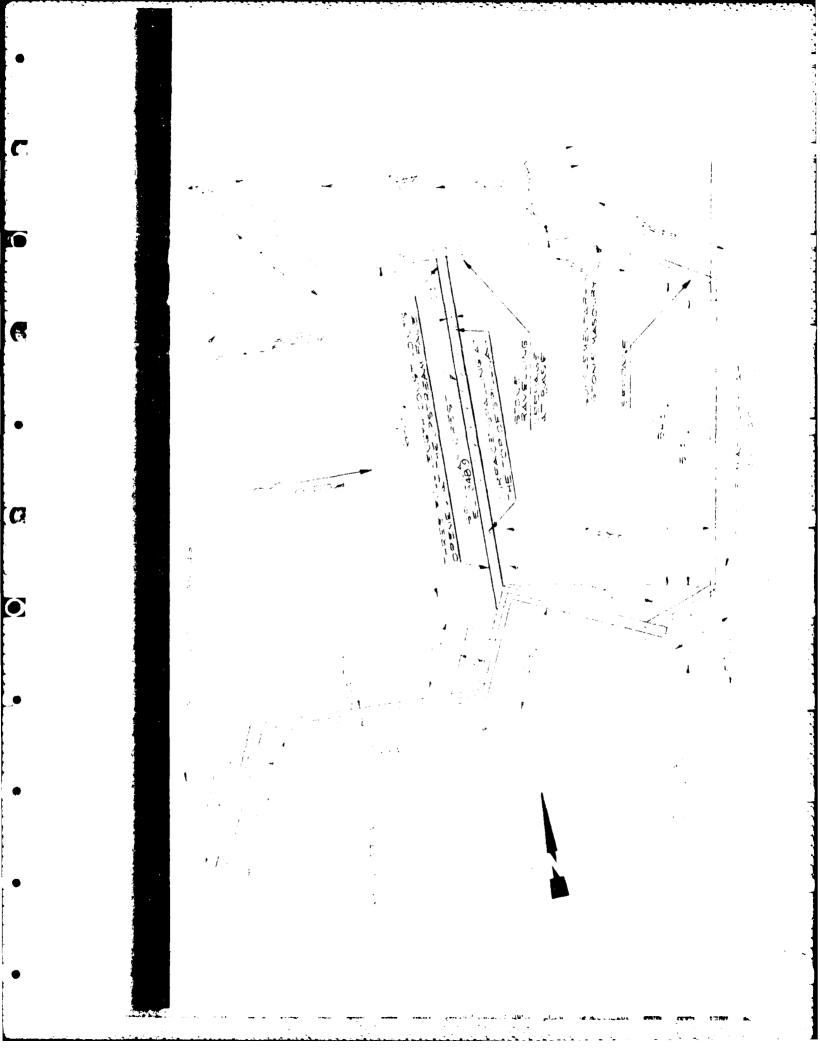
AREA EVALUATED	BY	CONDITION & REMARKS
OUTLET WORKS		
Spillway		
Condition of concrete	PR	Poor
Spalling		See erosion
Erosion		Top surface of crest eroded over 50% of surface area up 4" deep. Downstream base er ded at various locations: right side of right tunnel eroded 1.0' high, 2.5' long and 1.0' deep. Erosion unde boulder adjacent to tunnel 2 deep. Erosion between secon and third tunnel 3' long, 3" high and 4" deep. Minor between third and fourth tunnel. Adjacent to the left training wall 8" x 8" x 8" deep and section 10' long, 8 high and 3" deep.
Cracking		Three full length longitudin const. joints opened approx. 1" on upstream face
Rusting or staining of concrete		None noted
Visible reinforcing		Over all downstream rectangu lar openings
Efflorescenc∈		None noted
Seepage	PR	At interface with both train ing walls. Seepage at the rate of 10 to 20 gpm flowing out of 3.3' x 4' tunnel outl Extremely minor seepage (rat extremely low) emanating fro 6 pressure relief vents

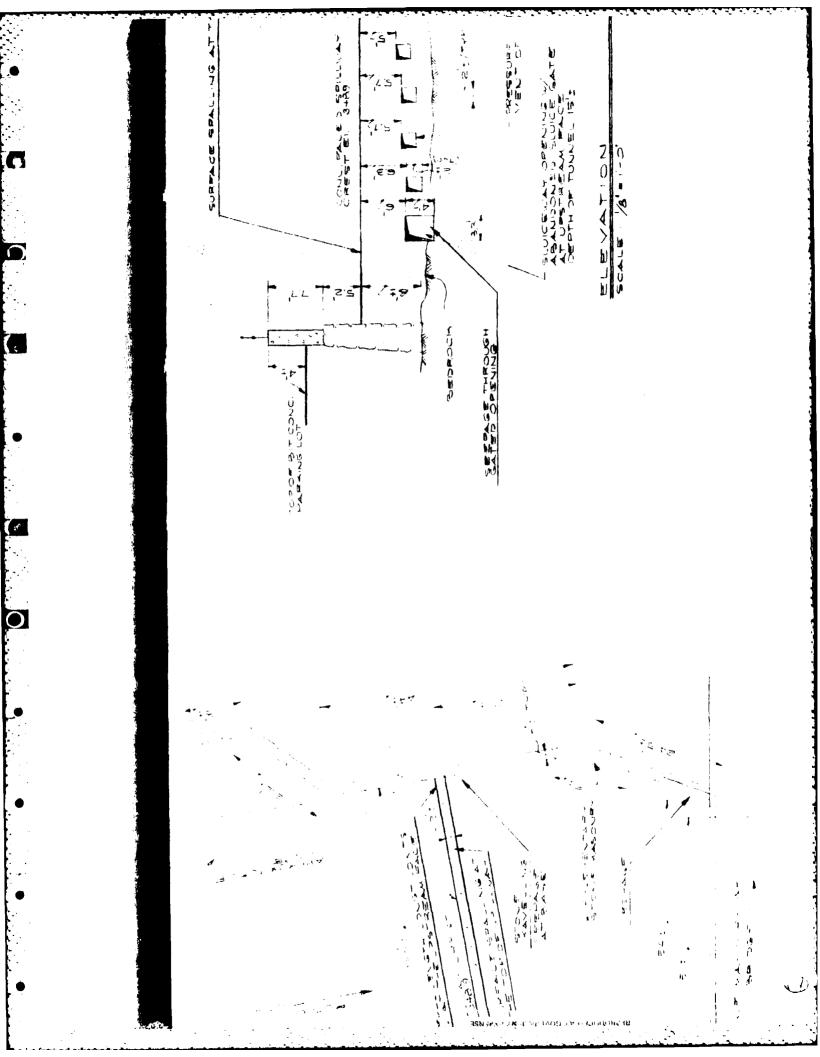
CHECK LISTS FOR VISUAL INSPECTION					
	AREA EVALUATED		7.	CONDITION & REMARKS	
	Flashboard stanchion supports		2	None serviceable	
RES	RESERVOIR				
Α.	Shoreline				
	Evidence of slides	N.	Ac-	None noted	
	Potential for slides			Shoreline stable	
В.	Sedimentation			Silt and leaves collecting behind spillway	
С.	Upstream hazards in the event of back flooding			One small mill about 2,000 ft. upstream on the banks	
D.	Changes in nature of watershed			None noted	
DOW	DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL				
Α.	Channel Bottom.			Rocky with bedrock exposed over a major portion	
В.	Debris	!		None noted	
С.	Trees Overhanging Channel			None noted	
	OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE FEATURES				
Α.	Reservoir Regulation Plan			None exists	
В.	Maintenance	!			
	Quality			Many maintenance repairs needed	
	Adequacy	٨'	A C	Situation indicates a more rigorous program needed	

APPENDIN B

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FIGURE 1	Site Plan	B-2
FIGURE 2	Plan and Evaluation of Dam	B-3
	List of Pertinent Data not Included and Their Location	B1







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FIGURE 2

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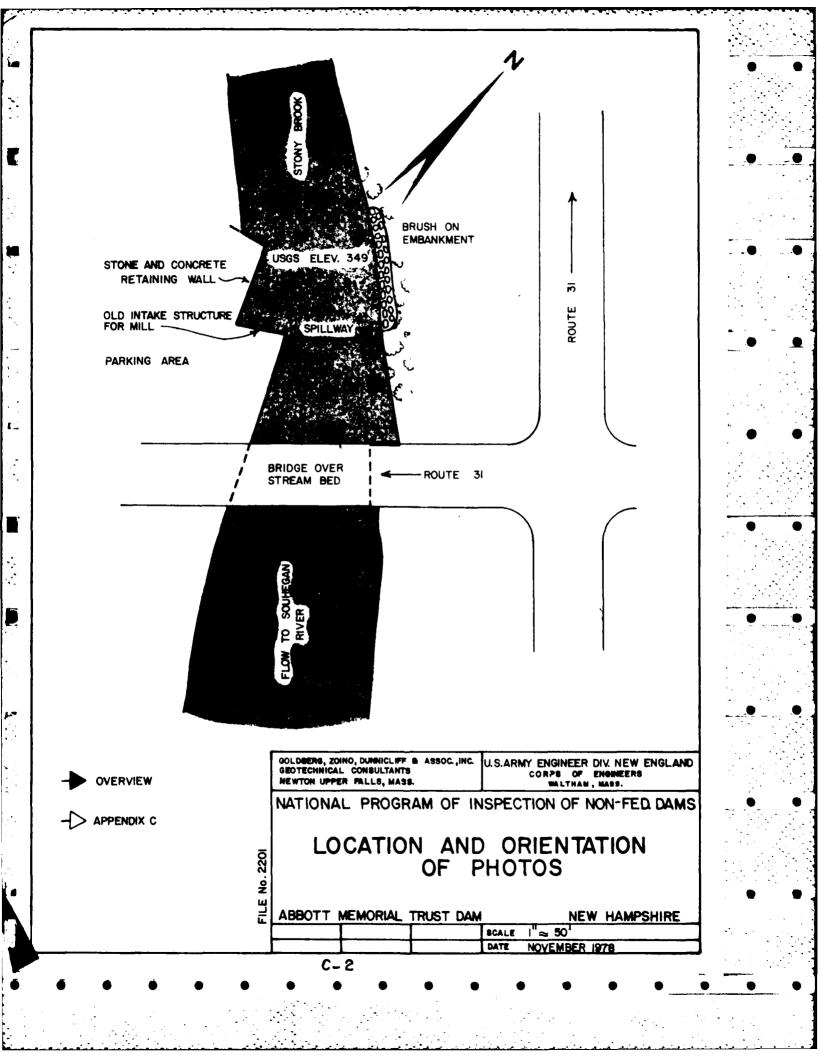
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The New Hampshire Water Resources Board (NHWRB) located at 37 Pleasant Street, Concord, N.H. 03301 maintains a correspondence file for this dam. Included in this file are:

- 1) Inspection reports from June 6, 1940; July 11, 1951; and July 25, 1975.
- 2) New Hampshire Water Control Commissions' "Data on Dams in New Hampshire" (September 26, 1939) and "Data on Water Power Developments in New Hampshire" (September 26, 1939).
- 3) NHWRB's "Inventory of Dams and Water Power Develog-ments" (August 26, 1936) and "Survey of Existing New Hampshire Dams" (August 10, 1937).
- Public Service Commission's of New Hampshire "Dam Record" (September 3, 1936).

APPENDIX C SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS





1. View from right side of road bridge showing bedrock outcrops at left abutment

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2. Detail of above showing seepage at junction with training wall and metal pins in bedrock to prevent displacement of base of training wall



3. View from left abutment showing right upstream training wall around site of old mill building



4. View from upstream of old sluiceway at right abutment which has been sealed with boulders



5. View of spillway from upstream showing horizontal cracks and soil deposition behind dam



6. View from left side downstream showing typical deterioration of spillway face, old sluiceway (larger opening), and pressure relief drains (smaller openings)

APPENDIX D HYDROLOGIC/HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS

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I Dam Kating Curve

See page 2 for a schematic sketch of the abbott Dam over flow section. This is bosed on FIS survey datas the NHWRB Survey of Existing N. H. Dams, and recent inspection at the site. The extent of overbuch flood plain to the right of the dam is shown reduced somewhat because outflow is restricted by a fortery building just dis. The overbuch flow rates are estimated using the wair equation. However, these flows may not be returned immediately to the stream.

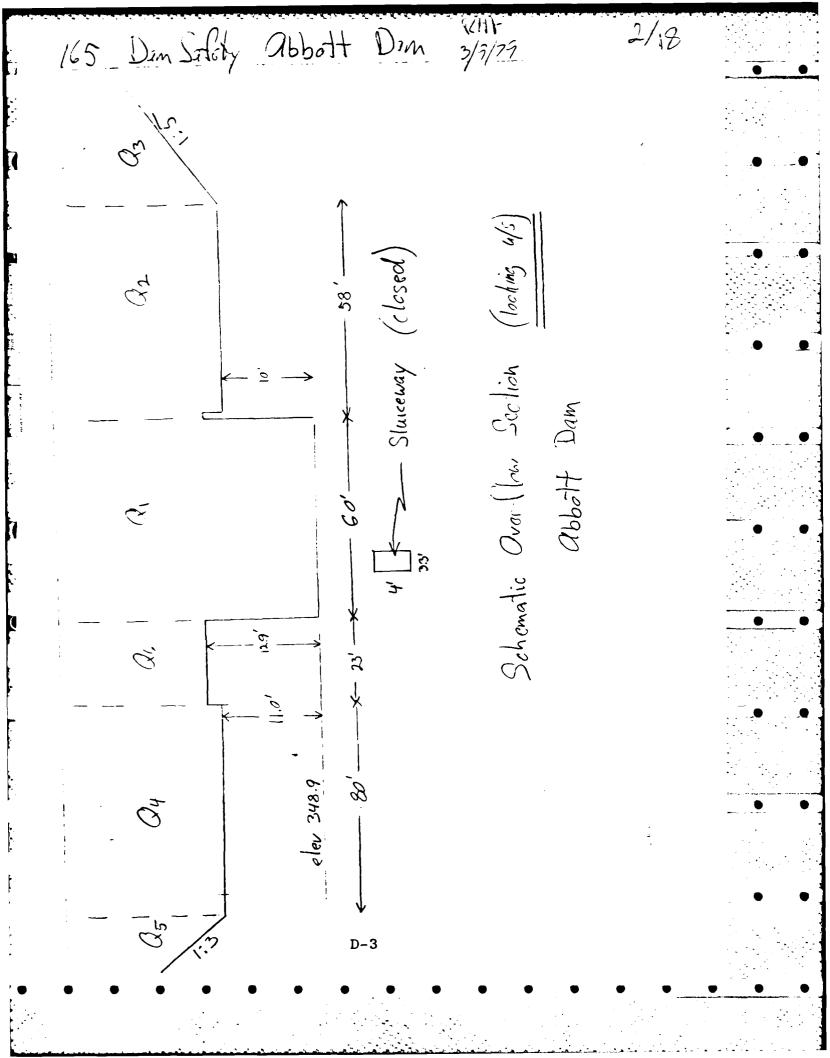
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Spillway Over l'on

 $Q_{1} = CLH^{3/2}$ $C = 3.1 \qquad (weir coefficient)$ L = 60'

H = head on crest $Q_1 = 3.1.60 - H^{3/2}$

Left Overbank

 $Q_{2} = 2.8 + 58 + (H-10)^{3/2}$



Left Sideslope $Q_3 = 2.8.5 + (H-10) + (.5(H-10))^{3/2}$

Right Everbank $Q_4 = 2.8 + 80 + (H-11)^{3/2}$

Right Sideslope Q5 = 2.8+3 * (H-11) * (.5 (H-11))

Training Wall Over You

Q6 = 3.0 × 23 + (H-12.9) 3/2

The sluiceway is assumed closed

a simple BASIC program was written to calculate an aggregate stage-discharge function at the dam. a listing is shown on page 4 s followed by tabulated actput and a plotted cuiv.

The discrepancy between these results and value taken from FIS profiles is explained by the fact that the FIS survey shows the spilling crest to be 50' long, while measurement by andrew Christo Engineers indicates a length of 60! The latter figure has here adopted here

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                                                                                   DUERBANK
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                            FROM WHITINGS DAM"
                                                                                                                                          05=0
06=0
IF H<=10 THEN 350
02=2.8*58*(H-10)^1.5
03=2.8*5*(H-10)*(0.5*(H-10))^1.5
IF H<=11 THEN 350
                                                                                                                                                                                                            05=2.0*3*(H-11)*(0.5*(H-11))+1.5
IF H<=12.9 THEN 350
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T, 20, 20, 90, 8X, 100, 110, 130
                           "DISCHARGE FROM WHITINGS I USING 150: 72T"HEAD"30T"DISCHARGE" I USING 170: 1T"(FEET)"32T"(CFS)"
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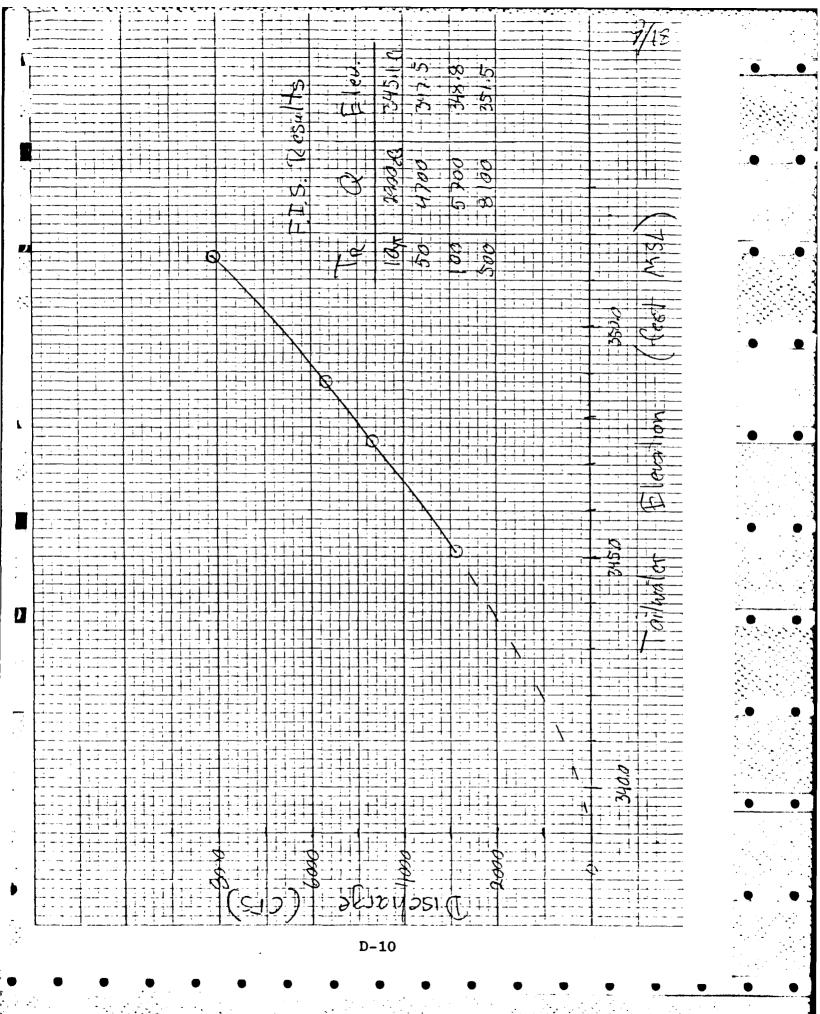
Tailwater Rating

Plather than perform a detailed backwater analysis, a tailwater rating corre
has been developed using FIS
results and is shown on the fallowing
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Q=5800 cfs > tailwater elev 348.9

 $\gamma_0 = 358.9 - 348.9 = 10.0$ $Q_{Pl} = \frac{3}{27} + \frac{24}{24} + \sqrt{3} + 10.0^{3/2} = 1280 \text{ cfs}$

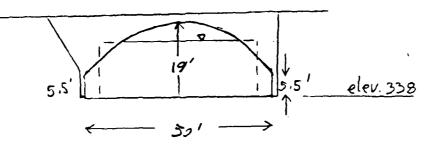
Total Outflow in River Channel. Q = 5800 + 1280 = 7080 efs



Downstream Flooding

See map on following page

Highway Bridge 60' d/s



assume bridge opening acts as an inlet control culvert after dam break and base calc. on equivilent rectangular opening

Q=7080 cls

$$Q = 7080 \text{ cls}$$
 $Q = 15'$
 $\Rightarrow B \cong 42'$ (width of equivilent rectangle)

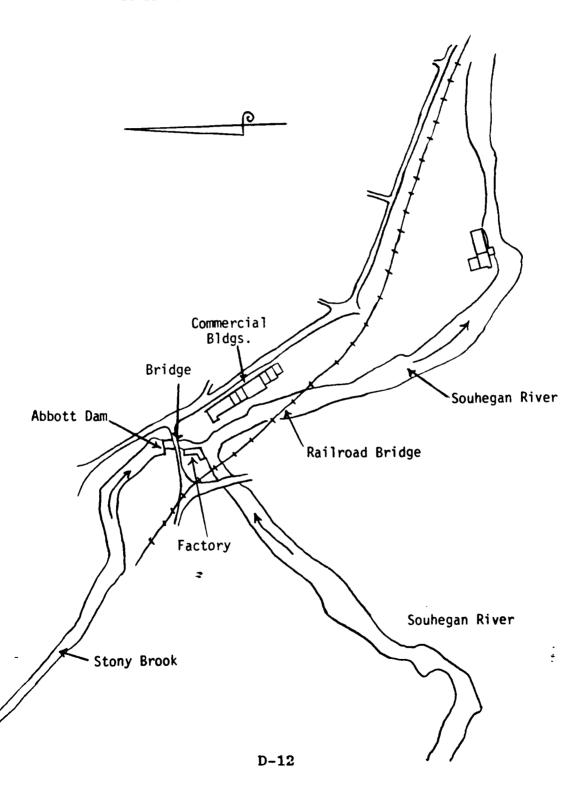
 $Q = \frac{2}{3} C_{0} BH \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{3}{3} H$
 $C_{0} = 0.9$
 $Q = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 0.9 \cdot 42 \cdot 15 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 915 = 6780 \text{ cls}$

incose to $H = 15.5'$
 $Q = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 9.9 \times 42 \cdot 15.5 \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot 915.5 = 7120 \cdot 80 \text{ cls}$

Flow depths will not sear top of opening

STONY BROOK AND THE SOUHEGAN RIVER IN WILTON, N.H.

SCALE 1"=400'



165 Dam Saliny abbott Dam Souhegan Kiver in Wilton n=.04 1st floor level S= .007 (°27) (50,2) (20,2) (110,4) (55,0) 101 (55,0) Opprox, Section of Southegan V. just d/s of confluence W/ Stony Brook a simple BASIC program was used to calculate a stream rating table based on the section skelched above with uniform flow. The table is shown on the following page. the peak outflow of 7080 cfs from Stony Brook alone is not satisficient to cause damaging Alosding along the Souhagon R. in Wilton If this outlan were coincident with a high stage of the Souhegan V., Clood dawage might be experienced in town. Note from the rating table, however,

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that the dam breach component of 1782 ets will cause an increase of stood levels of roughly only 0.5 feet.

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I Test Flood analysis

Size Classification -- Small Storage 4 1000 AF height 4 40'

Hazard Classification -- Low
Flood levels of/s will increased by
only about 0.5 ft. in the event of
dam failure.

Test Flood Selection

Per COE guidelines, a Small down with

Low hazard potential should use a 50-yr.

to 100-yr. Test Flood. as the dam is

located in a developed area,

choose 100-yr. flood

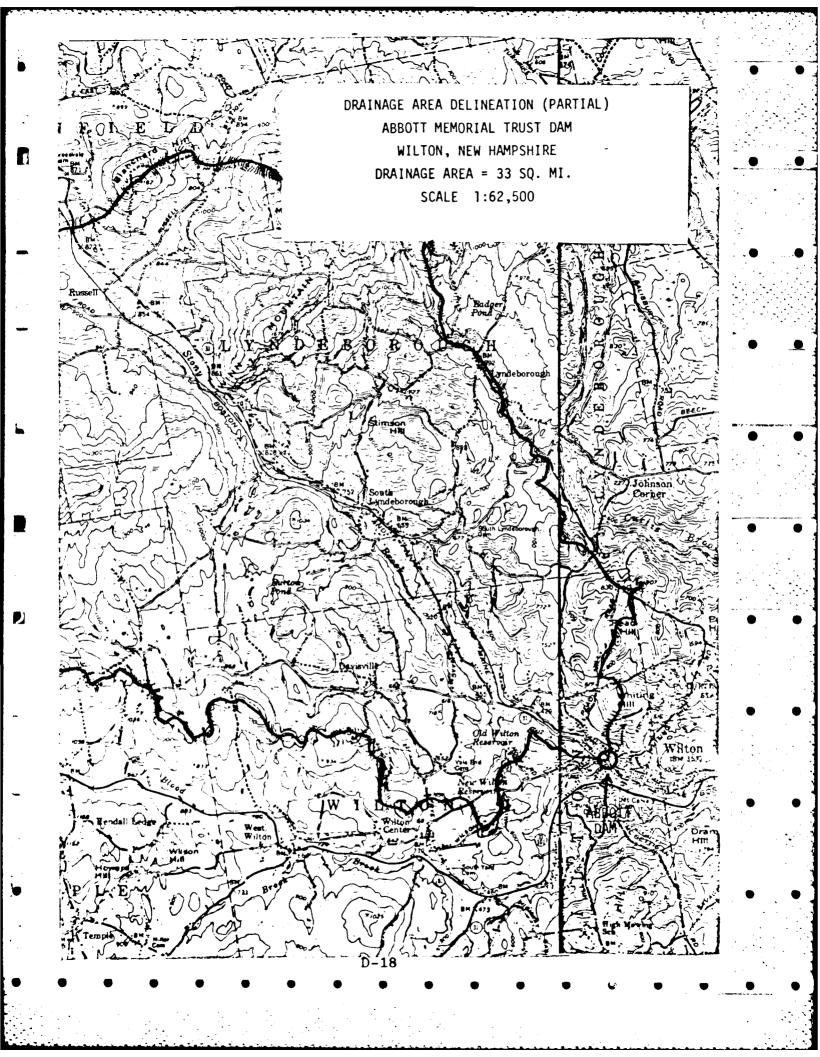
at the abbott Lim as follows:

Recurrence Interval	Peals Discharge
loys.	2900 ets
10 yr.	4700
> 100	5700
50c	8100

Droininge area = 33 sq. mi See map on following page.

Q100 = 5700 els = 5700/33 = 173 csm

the 100-yr. discharge of 5000 cls was computed at the dam, so that storage routing in the reservoir need not be considered. In any case, the surcharge storage available is too small to hove significant effect. For these reasons, a stage-storage function has not been calculated.



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Test Flood Summary

Size -- Small

Hazard -- Low

Test Flood -- use 100 yr. peat

Q100 = 5700 ofs (F15)

Head on Spillway = 9.8' (Dam Rating)

The pool level behind the dom will be roughly 0.2' below the level of the ground: surface at the left abutment.

APPENDIX E

INFORMATION AS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL INVENTORY OF DAMS

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