How to Apply for an Approval to Construct a Dam

Determine if the proposed dam is jurisdictional under NC Dam Safety Law of 1967

Complete Jurisdictional / Hazard Classification Determination form for Dam Safety’s review (if deemed necessary, a field assessment will be conducted by respective Regional Office staffs)

It is jurisdictional

Letter will be issued to classify the hazard and a STATE-ID

Submit an application to construct by following the Dam Safety Approval Application Checklist and per G.S. 143-215.28 and 15A NCAC 02K .0201 with a minimum application processing fee of $200.00 per G.S. 143-215.28A and 15A NCAC 02K .0222

If the submittal seems satisfactory, Approval to Construct is issued with any applicable stipulations

Within 30 days of completion, two (2) sets of “As-Built” record drawings (per 15A NCAC 02K .0215), Engineer of Record’s (EOR) Certification of completion report (per 15A NCAC 02K .0216), and any additional information, along with an additional application processing fee (per 15A NCAC 02K .0222)

(If the proposed dam is determined to be Intermediate or High hazard, an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is also required (per Law) – NC Dam Safety recommends to plan an EAP as early as possible in case safety issues arise during construction)

Final Approval to Impound is issued by NCDEQ - Dam Safety and may begin normal operation

It is NOT jurisdictional

Notice of Exemption will be issued and therefore Dam Safety Approval is NOT required for the proposed work (A field inspection may be conducted of the completed work by Regional Office staff. If the dam is determined to exceed statutory thresholds, the owner may be subject to enforcement action by the Division of Land Resources. Refer to G.S. 143-215.36 and 15A NCAC 02K .0302 for additional information regarding potential enforcement actions)

"As-Built" Inspection is performed by the respective Regional Office staffs

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