



# Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

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The Honorable Shirley Ann Jackson  
Chair  
Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
One White Flint, North Building  
11555 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

Dear Madam Chair:

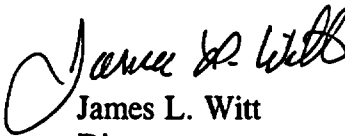
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is required by Public Law 104-303 to report to the Congress on the status of the National Dam Safety Program and the progress of Federal agencies during the last two fiscal years in implementing the Federal Guidelines for Dam Safety (the Guidelines). FEMA will include the assessment in the National Dam Safety Program biennial report for Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997.

In October 1996, the National Dam Safety Program was officially established under the Water Resources Development Act (Public Law 104-303). The primary purpose of the new National Dam Safety Program is the "establishment and maintenance of an effective national dam safety program to bring together the expertise and resources of the Federal and non-Federal communities in achieving national dam safety hazard reduction." The major area of emphasis in this year's report will be Federal initiatives in the area of Federal and non-Federal coordination.

We would appreciate receiving this material by September 30, 1997. A separate letter requesting detailed information on the progress of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission toward Guideline implementation has been sent from Harold W. Andress, Jr., Chairman of the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety, to Mr. John Greeves, your designated Dam Safety Coordinator.

Thank you for your continuing cooperation and support of the National Dam Safety Program.

Sincerely,

  
James L. Witt  
Director

cc: Mr. John T. Greeves, Deputy Director  
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