

February 02, 1998

USCOLD Committee on Register of Dams
Corps of Engineers
HQUSACE (CECW-EG)
ATTN: Mr. Bob Bank
20 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20314

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF LARGE DAMS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Dear Mr. Bank:

In response to a request from Mr. Arthur H. Walz, Jr., P.E., we hereby respond to the USCOLD Register of Dams - Status of Large Dam Construction in the United States questionnaire that was mailed on January 5, 1998. The Questionnaire was distributed to members of the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety (ICODS).

As you are aware, the NRC is responsible for only 19 dams. The dams under NRC's jurisdiction include Category I structures which impound water needed to assure the safe operation of nuclear power plants, and mill tailings embankments related to uranium milling activities. All 19 dams are considered to be in the "Low-Hazard" category.

As the completed form shows, there were no new large dams for which our agency has responsibility under construction on January 1 of this year, nor were any new large dams placed into operation in 1997. If you have any questions regarding the enclosure, please call Mr. Daniel Rom of my staff. Mr. Rom can be reached at (301) 415-6704.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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**USCOLD Register of Dams
Status of Large Dam Construction in the United States**

Please complete the following for all large dams [height of 15 meters (50 feet)] or higher that your State or Federal Agency has responsibility

a. Number of large in operation as of 1 Jan 1998

b. Number of large dams under construction as of 1 Jan 1997

c. Number of large dams under construction as of 1 Jan 1998

d. Number of dams placed into operation during 1997

For those dams listed in c. and d. above, please provide the data in the attached table for each dam.