

## Beasley, Benjamin

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**From:** Holian, Brian  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 05, 2012 7:10 AM  
**To:** Correia, Richard; Coe, Doug; Beasley, Benjamin  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (~~OUO - SENSITIVE INTERNAL INFORMATION~~)

"they don't fail" is not an acceptable public response. Looking at it from a risk perspective is our job.

We should listen to USACE, but stress the necessity to look at this as a GI

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**From:** Correia, Richard  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 05, 2012 7:05 AM  
**To:** Coe, Doug; Beasley, Benjamin  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (~~OUO - SENSITIVE INTERNAL INFORMATION~~)

Thx for the add'l info Doug. I assume ACE does not consider dams that are topped because of unexpected snow melts or heavy rains as a dam failure or when they have to allow controlled flooding to prevent possible dam failures. We cannot ignore those cases.

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**From:** Coe, Doug  
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**To:** Beasley, Benjamin; Correia, Richard  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (~~OUO - SENSITIVE INTERNAL INFORMATION~~)

Ben/Rich,

Got further insight from B1 who got it from Mike W.

Apparently, the USACE leadership gets very rankled if someone starts postulating that their dams fail. Their party line is 'our dams don't fail'

The message Mike W is giving us is that we should look for ways to communicate GI-204 that say what we need to say but that avoid triggering strong adverse reactions from them.

This may require a face-to-face meeting with ACE after George has contacted them. Not sure if other agencies 'own' other upstream dams listed in our analysis.

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**From:** Beasley, Benjamin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 04, 2012 8:22 AM  
**To:** Sheron, Brian; Correia, Richard; Coe, Doug  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian  
**Subject:** RE: FYI - WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (~~OUO - SENSITIVE INTERNAL INFORMATION~~)

The coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, FERC and the Bureau of Land Reclamation has not occurred yet but it will happen soon. George Wilson (NRR) is the NRC dam safety officer. He is going to contact those organizations through his contacts on the Intergovernmental Committee on Dam Safety.

I am in touch with George and will let you know when he has contacted the other agencies.

Ben

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**From:** Sheron, Brian  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 04, 2012 7:43 AM  
**To:** Correia, Richard; Coe, Doug; Beasley, Benjamin  
**Cc:** Holian, Brian  
**Subject:** FW: FYI - WEEKLY STATUS UPDATE MEETING WITH THE CHAIRMAN (~~OUO - SENSITIVE INTERNAL INFORMATION~~)

See Mike's item below about coordinating our rollout with the Army Corp of Engineers. Have we interfaced with them on this yet?