

MAY 25 1988

Ms. Cindee Virostek
409 N. 8th Street
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Dear Ms. Virostek:

This is in reply to your April 29, 1988 letter to Mr. Victor Stello, Jr., regarding the Beaver Run Dam in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. You asked that the NRC provide funding for the US Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a thorough investigation of this Dam because of its classification by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) as a high hazard. This classification deals only with the consequences of dam failure and not the probability, or likelihood, of failure. As required by PADER, an emergency plan has been developed for Beaver Run Dam in the event of failure, based only on the consequence of failure.

As you know, the Beaver Run Dam is owned by the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County, and is not subject to control by the US Army Corps of Engineers. We understand, however, that the Dam is subject to inspection by PADER's Division of Dam Safety. We have recently written to the Division, inquiring about their inspections of Beaver Run Dam. This letter and any response we receive will be placed in the NRC's local public document room at the Apollo Memorial Library for public inspection. We will consider the information that we obtain in preparation of an environmental assessment related to our review of the application for license renewal filed by Babcock & Wilcox for its Apollo facility.

Sincerely,
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