



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Inland Water Resources Division
Dam Safety Program

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR
CONNECTICUT DAM OWNERS**

To:

Changes to Statutes that Affect Dam Owners. On October 1, 2013 the Connecticut General Assembly adopted Public Act No. 13-197 entitled “An Act Concerning the Dam Safety Program . . .” which resulted in modifications to dam safety Statutes. Significant changes were made regarding inspection, registration, and formulation of an Emergency Action Plan for dams in the State of Connecticut (CT). Some of the important highlights of the Act are summarized below.

- **Notification.** The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will notify you when your dam is due for inspection by sending you a letter at the beginning of the year the inspection is required. When you receive this notification you will be required to hire a registered professional engineer licensed in the state of CT familiar with dams to conduct this inspection. Upon completion of the inspection report, you must submit a copy of the report to DEEP for review and approval.
- **Registration/Transfer of Ownership.** Unregistered dams in Connecticut must be registered with DEEP by October 1, 2015. If the property ownership of a dam is transferred, DEEP must be notified within 10 days of the transfer. Check with our website or call our office if you don’t know your registration status.
- **Land Records.** Owners of high and significant hazard dams must record their dam(s) on the municipal land records in the town(s) the structure is located. The recordation must be done on a form prescribed by DEEP.
- **Emergency Action Plans.** Owners of high and significant hazard dams must develop and implement an Emergency Action Plan for each dam, which is to be updated every two years.

According to our records, you are the owner(s) of the dam listed below the mailing label. If you are not the owner, or if there are additional owners, please call this office with the correct ownership information.

Please check DEEP’s Dam Safety webpage for updates on guidance, form, etc. by visiting ct.gov/deep, then clicking Programs & Services, and then clicking Dams. The webpage may also be found at http://ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2720&q=325634&deepNav_GID=1654. If you have any questions or require further information regarding this matter please contact the DEEP’s Dam Safety Section at 860-424-3706 or DEEP.DamSafety@ct.gov.