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Public Comment Period for DWR Dam Design Standards

BISMARCK - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released its draft Dam Safety Standards policy for public comment.

The draft document is available at

https://www.swc.nd.gov/pdfs/home_page/draft_nd_dam_safety_standards_policy_reg_05_2023.pdf.

The Standards aim to outline the administrative and technical requirements necessary to obtain a construction permit for a dam, pond, lagoon, or other water retention structure requiring a construction permit. In addition, the Standards align DWR's dam safety practices with federal recommendations and the current state of the dam safety practice.

DWR is seeking comments on the Standards' technical requirements, policies, and DWR procedures detailed within this document from dam owners, the engineering community, and members of the public.

Comments should be submitted via email to cevaniuk@nd.gov, and will be considered in developing the final version of the policy. Questions can be directed to cevaniuk@nd.gov or 701-328-4956.

Comments will be accepted until close of business on August 14, 2023.

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