

## **Latest Dam Safety News – Association of State Dam Safety Officials, April 2010**

*Massachusetts dam safety bill moves forward; Settlement reached in Big Bay case; Taum Sauk back in operation; NJ reservoir valve system vandalized; NY dam trial to begin; Small dams fail in VA, ME; Lagoon failure in WA; Budget woes in Idaho; Rehabs, floods, water policy & more...*

### **National News**

[Army Corps of Engineers Said to Err on Flooding Risk](#). New York Times, 04/14/2010.

USACE's attempt to correct old data on water flows in the Mississippi may have led to underestimates of the current risk of flooding along the river, according to a study published March 26 in the journal Hydrological Processes.

[America's Crumbling Infrastructure](#). Before It's News, 04/21/2010.

### **State-by-State & International News**

#### **California**

[JV to support California dam and levee safety program](#). international Water Power and Dam Construction Newsletter, 04/07/2010.

USACE Sacramento District has selected a joint venture of URS Corporation and GEI to help ensure the safety of the region's dams and levees through subsurface investigations, geophysical and strength testing, materials testing and materials property development, seismicity and seismic parameters, seepage and stability analyses, borrow site investigations, periodic detailed inspections and/or risk assessments of dams or levees, design/construction parameters, and designs for dam and levee safety remediation, development of design alternatives, construction plans and specifications and cost estimates, site reconnaissance, environmental and wetland assessments, wildlife and habitat assessments, and historical assessments. The contract will also support USACE with critical inspection and assessment of 15,000 miles of California levees, to be completed by the end of 2012.

[Crane Valley dam to get seismic retrofit](#). Sierra Star, 04/15/2010.

\$60 million seismic retrofit of the 105-year-old Crane Valley dam is expected to begin in October and be completed by February 2012. The plan calls for increasing the width of the dam at its crest by 52 feet and raising the height of the dam 7 to 10 feet. CA DWR is the lead agency for the project; also involved are the U.S. Forest Service, FERC, USACE, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the CA Dept of Fish and Game. A 66-page environmental assessment of the project is available at [www.cranevalleydam.com](http://www.cranevalleydam.com) and open to public comment through May 6.

[Work on Crystal Springs Dam about to begin](#). San Francisco Chronicle, 04/26/2010.

Upcoming multi-million-dollar improvements to 122-year-old 140'-tall Crystal Springs Dam include enlarging the spillway, thickening the parapet wall atop the dam and raising its height by 9 feet, adding a new, larger concrete stilling basin, and erosion control work along lower San Mateo Creek. The work must be coordinated with the demolition and reconstruction of the Skyline Boulevard bridge above the dam.

#### **Canada**

[B.C. opens floodgates with third Peace River dam](#) The Globe and Mail - British Columbia, 04/20/2010.

What could be British Columbia's last major hydro project criticized over costs and environmental impact.

#### **China**

[The Qinghai Earthquake and Dams](#). [International Rivers Press Release], 04/14/2010.

The Changu (Old Zen) hydropower dam was seriously cracked by a 7.1M earthquake. More than 100,000 people live downstream.

[Desperate battle to shore up quake dam](#). The Independent (UK), 04/15/2010.

Water being released from Qinghai province reservoir after hydro dam cracked by earthquake.

## **Colorado**

[Divers Prepare For Risky Job At Cheesman Dam](#). CBS4-Denver, 03/29/2010.  
Divers to remove and replace the original valves in century-old dam.

## **Connecticut**

[Aging dams overtopped, but most holding as R.I., Connecticut hasten inspections](#). The Day, 04/02/2010.  
Condition of dozens of dams in RI and CT stressed by record floods; several dams damaged by overtopping and three RI dams breached: Blue Pond in Hopkinton and dams in Exeter and South Kingstown.

[Trying to avert a future disaster](#). The Day, 04/18/2010.

Inspectors find March floods took a big toll on region's dams, making costly repairs necessary. Blue Pond dam collapsed and many other dams in both Rhode Island and southeastern Connecticut were affected.

## **Georgia**

[Berkeley Lake Dam still in need of repairs](#) Gwinnett Daily Post, 04/15/2010.

City of Berkeley Lake hopes that FEMA will pay more than \$1 million of the estimated \$4 million repair price tag for repair of Berkeley Lake Dam.

## **Idaho**

[Idaho is losing the folks who keep state government running](#). Twin Falls Times-News, 04/26/2010.

Editorial critical of state lawmakers remarks on state budget woes and notes the related impending early retirement of the administrator of the IDWR planning and technical services division and the "[gutting of] some essential programs such as dam safety."

## **India**

[Legislation on Dam Safety India Press Information Bureau](#). 04/28/2010.

Proposed Dam Safety Legislation seeks to enjoin responsibility on Central Government, State Governments and owners of specified dams to set up an institutional mechanism for ensuring safety of such dams and reporting the action taken. The recommendation for enactment of such legislation was originally given in July 1986 a report entitled "Report on Dam Safety Procedures." The need for legislation was also repeatedly emphasized by the National Committee on Dam Safety. The introduction of the 2010 Dam Safety Bill is on the tentative list of Government Business expected to be taken up during the Fourth Session of Fifteenth Lok Sabha, 2010.

## **Kentucky**

[Mill Creek ash pond considered "high risk"](#). Louisville Courier-Journal, 04/20/2010.

U.S. EPA inspectors say a 79-acre ash pond at LG&E's Mill Creek power plant is close enough to homes and a school to be classified as high risk; they also cited the pond's risk to the environment and the Ohio River. The proposed reclassification is at odds with a state risk assessment, and would require annual inspections.

## **Maine**

[Dam breached; roadway under destruction](#). Portland Press Herald, 03/31/2010.

Two days of rain trigger numerous flood warnings and break a longtime record in Maine's largest city. A collapsed dam prompted emergency officials to close Colcord Pond Road.

## **Maryland**

[Amendment to Md. capital budget includes \\$550,000 for dam](#). Herald Mail, 03/26/2010.

An amendment to the state's capital budget would set aside a \$550,000 matching grant to the Washington County Commissioners to assist in repairing Devil's Backbone Dam. The amendment is included in a report by the Subcommittee on the Capital Budget and will go before the full Senate.

## **Massachusetts**

[Listen: Flooding Strains Shaky Dams, Says State Engineer Galvin](#). NPR-Boston (WBUR), 03/31/2010.

Radio interview with Mike Galvin, a project engineer with the state Department of Conservation and

Recreation, at the Upper Mystic Lake Dam between Arlington and Medford where he was monitoring water levels as record rains strain dams throughout the state.

[Dam deteriorating: State weighs action against owner of decaying dam](#). Berkshire Eagle, 04/01/2010. Six non-compliance cases transferred to Attorney General's office for enforcement.

[Dam owner is sued](#). Berkshire Eagle, 04/06/2010. State seeking court order for immediate repairs to Bel Air Dam.

[Georgetown company wins contract to breach dam](#). Georgetown Record, 04/06/2010. MA DCR awards \$188,665 contract to T. Ford Co. of Georgetown to breach 200+-year-old Forge Pond Dam in Freetown and alleviate the threat to public safety downstream.

[State sues owners of dams seen as unsafe](#). Boston Globe, 04/06/2010. Attorney General Martha Coakley has filed suit against the owners of Bel Air Dam on the Housatonic River in Pittsfield, and Dennett's Pond Dam in Plympton, asserting that they defied state orders and failed to make repairs necessary to protect local residents. The two lawsuits mark the first time the state has taken such legal action against dam owners.

[Another look at Hanover's Hackett's Pond Dam](#). Hanover Mariner - Marshfield, 04/07/2010. Hanover voters will be asked in May to decide the future of Hackett's Pond Dam, which is hydrologically deficient and overgrown with vegetation. After a 2008 phase II inspection, the dam was deemed a relatively high priority for repair.

[Middleboro still cleaning up after rainstorms](#). Brockton Enterprise, 04/07/2010. Middleboro residents evacuated during early April rainstorms: four residents near Fuller Dam, and residents downstream of Pratt Dam.

[Dam delay gets an OK; Hearing rescheduled for April 13](#). Berkshire Eagle, 04/07/2010. Superior Court Judge approves motion filed by the attorney for the owner of Pittsfield's Bel Air Dam to continue the hearing on the dam's condition and the risks it poses to the public.

[Rainfall threatens dams, neighboring communities across the state](#). Tufts Daily, 04/08/2010. Nearly 15 inches of rain fell in the state in March, making it the second wettest month on record since 1872 and stressing dams across the state.

[Officials from Easton and Stoughton agree on plan to repair earthen dam at Ames Long Pond](#). Enterprise News - Brockton, 04/15/2010. Officials of the towns of Stoughton and Easton agree to have their towns' public works crews make a joint effort to remove the trees growing on the dam at Ames Long Pond, built in 1763 and enlarged in 1825. The dam is located on conservation land owned by Easton but serves a pond mostly located in Stoughton. Easton is under orders from the state Office of Dam Safety to repair the dam, and will seek bids on an estimated \$300,000 in repairs; starting in September, the town faces a daily fine of \$300 if it fails to comply with state orders. The dam's problems were discovered during a statewide inspection of all dams following the 2005 near-failure of Whittenton Pond Dam in Taunton.

[They didn't give up a dam; Local public works praised for saving Hathaway Pond Dam](#). Wicked Local - Fall River, 04/16/2010. Rochester public safety workers, the Massachusetts EMA and the Massachusetts Office of Dam Safety worked together to prevent the failure of Hathaway Pond Dam, which developed a large hole during flooding that began the week of March 13. The Coalition for Buzzards Bay is working with the dam owner, the Town of Rochester and others to identify a solution for the dam safety issues and the fact that the deteriorating dam limits the passage of migratory fish. A grant made through the national partnership between American Rivers and NOAA community-based Restoration Program has allowed the coalition to contract with an engineering company to study various alternatives to improve the situation. Results of this investigation are expected later this spring.

[Dam safety bill moves forward](#). Taunton Gazette, 04/25/2010.

Redrafted bill regarding dam repair, removal and replacement now moves to the state Senate for debate.

[Dam safety bill clears committee, goes to state Senate for review](#). South Coast Today, 04/26/2010.

The state Senate is expected to debate legislation that would require completion of a detailed inventory and classification of the thousands of dams in Massachusetts by July 1, 2011. The legislation also includes a local option for cities and towns to acquire privately held dams through purchase, lease, gift and eminent domain in order to better manage a dam's maintenance and repair. Officials said the bill would allow the state to respond quickly to emergencies involving privately owned dams. On April 23, the dam safety bill was voted favorably out of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. State lawmakers were prompted to action following a near dam failure in Taunton in 2005. A subsequent report ordered by a Senate oversight committee raised awareness of aging and neglected dams across the state; the breaching of Forge Pond Dam earlier this year confirmed the risks posed by the state's aging dams.

[Hanover editorial: Town Meeting to settle some burning issues](#). Wicked Local - Fall River, 04/27/2010.

Agenda of upcoming Hanover Town Meeting includes item on request for \$50,000 in CPC funds to pay for engineering plans for repairs to Hackett's Pond Dam.

[Repairs at Moody Street dam all week](#). Daily News Tribune, 04/28/2010.

State engineers and contractors are making repairs to the catwalk over the Moody Street dam. Deteriorated steel in the catwalk was discovered when DCR staff removed flashboards from the dam during last month's flooding.

## **Mississippi**

[Settlement reached in Big Bay case](#). Hattiesburg American 03/25/2010.

A \$1.1 million settlement has been reached in the lawsuit stemming from the 2004 collapse of Big Bay Lake Dam. The settlement was reached after a two-hour conference between the attorneys for 123 plaintiffs and those representing the dam owners. The money will be divided according to damages sustained by the plaintiffs.

## **Missouri**

[AmerenUE's Taum Sauk plant operating again](#). St. Louis Business Journal, 04/22/2010.

Taum Sauk hydroelectric plant is generating electricity again after four years of rebuilding and \$490 million in construction following the reservoir's catastrophic breach in 2005 that sent a 20-foot-high wall of water cascading through Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park.

## **New Hampshire**

[Despite heavy storms area dams hold up well](#). Foster's Daily Democrat, 04/02/2010.

Despite recent rains, dams in the state are in good shape and not overly stressed. State dam bureau uses lessons from past to prepare for rain events

## **New Jersey**

[Two Wyckoff teens charged with vandalizing reservoir valve system & flooding stream with 15M gallons of water at Ramapo Reservation in Mahwah](#) Bergen NOW, 04/07/2010.

Teens charged with breaking handles of MacMillan Reservoir valve system, releasing 15 million gallons of water and damaging the valve systems, which stood on a concrete pier enclosed by fencing and open water.

[Newark told to repair dams in West Milford](#). NorthJersey.com, 04/11/2010.

NJ DEP Bureau of Dam Safety and Flood Control calls for city officials to create a schedule for either bringing the Cotter's Brook Diversion and Cedar Pond dams into compliance through repairs or decommissioning. A third city dam at Macopin Reservoir was deemed to be in "satisfactory" condition after a recent inspection.

## **New York**

[Hadlock Pond dam failure lawsuits headed to trial.](#) Glen Falls Post-Star, 04/05/2010.

Lawsuit stemming from the 2005 Hadlock Pond dam failure will go to trial. Property damages resulted in the filing of multiple lawsuits. Upstream property owners are suing the town; the dam's builder, the dam's designer, and the company charged with testing the dam for financial losses from not being able to rent lakeside cottages during the 3 years the pond was dry. Fort Ann officials filed a lawsuit against the companies involved in building the dam, claiming its failure caused \$6 million in damages to roads and bridges. Jury selection will begin on May 3, with the trial expected to last three weeks. The dam was rebuilt in 2008.

## **North Carolina**

[Coal ash isn't that hazardous, officials say.](#) Charlotte Observer, 04/13/2010.

The 2008 failure of a coal ash retention pond in Tennessee brought attention to the problems of handling fly ash, which contains arsenic, cadmium lead and sulfate. In 2009 the EPA identified 44 high-hazard coal ash ponds across the US; 12 of which are in North Carolina. State data show contaminated groundwater near 13 coal ash ponds maintained by the state's largest utilities. As a result of these findings and the prompting of Gov. Bev Perdue, the General Assembly passed a law to bring ash ponds under the Dam Safety Act; it did not adopt proposals to prohibit the storage of coal ash in unlined impoundments or landfills, or imposing fees to pay for regular inspections.

[Proposal to remove dam raises concerns.](#) Raleigh News & Observer, 04/22/2010.

Raleigh firm pushes controversial plan to remove privately owned Milburnie Dam on the Neuse River.

## **Pennsylvania**

[Time running out for Hereford Manor Lakes.](#) Beaver County Times, 03/29/2010.

A popular fishing site is caught between state grant requirements and the dam's high hazard classification. The dams will be breached and the lakes drained by June 30, 2012, the deadline for a \$3.2 million state grant for the dams' demolition.

## **Rhode Island – See also: Connecticut**

[Geneva Pond in North Providence empties out.](#) Providence Journal, 04/02/2010.

14'-high, 19th century West River mill dam fails.

[Flood knocks out tour bus business.](#) South County Independent, 04/15/2010.

Glen Rock Reservoir dam - a stone structure dating to 1696 - breached during a storm on March 30, damaging a state road and eroding the riverbank. A recently installed box culvert was unable to handle flow from the 100-year-plus storm. The dam owner, who has spent \$40,000 on dam repairs since 1998, is seeking funding assistance to repair the dam. A spring festival scheduled in late May has been cancelled as a result of damages from the breach; locals hope that repairs can be made before July, when a summer festival is scheduled at the historic site.

## **Tennessee**

[Spillway project is well under way.](#) Crossville Chronicle, 04/08/2010.

New spillway designed after May 2009 failure of drawdown valve assembly at Dorchester Dam; July is expected completion date.

[New levee inspection standards could cost residents.](#) Memphis Commercial Appeal, 04/11/2010.

Thousands of Mid-South residents could be forced to buy flood insurance as a result of new levee inspection standards. The cost of federal flood insurance ranges from about \$600-700 a year for a \$50,000 home to \$2,500 for a \$250,000 home. New flood insurance rate maps are expected in some areas as early as this summer.

## **Texas**

[Corps of Engineers provides Addicks and Barker project update.](#) [USACE Press Release], 02/12/2010.

Addicks and Barker reservoirs have been designated as extremely high risk by the USACE. The assessment identified several issues with the far west side dams. Addicks and Barker are dry reservoirs

about 90 percent of the time, and undergo daily, weekly, and annual inspection and monitoring.

[Corps of Engineers awards contract for repair work at Addicks and Barker dams](#). [USACE Press Release], 02/22/2010.

USACE - Galveston District, awarded a \$723,124 contract for evaluation and completion of repair work initiated to the water control structures at Addicks and Barker dams in west Houston. In the first phase of the repair work completed in May 2009, a urethane grout was pumped under the conduits through the dams to fill detected voids and to ensure the stability of the conduits. This second-phase contract will assess the success of the first contract, fill any additional voids encountered with a concrete grout, repair existing relief wells and install inspection ports in the conduits to monitor the status of the soils under the conduits.

[Engineers to update on Addicks, Barker dams](#). Ultimate Katy (blog), 04/20/2010.

Using ground-penetrating radar, USACE discovered voids existed in porous soils under the dams' outlet structures; short-term fixes are being implemented while the Corps goes through a dam safety modification study.

[Dallas council OKs funds for fast repair of levees](#). Dallas Morning News, 04/22/2010.

City Council supports plan to dedicate up to \$150 million to shore up Dallas levee system and to complete repairs by August 2011. This schedule may pre-empt FEMA from placing thousands of Dallas properties in redrawn flood maps, which would raise insurance rates and lower the value of property near the river. The city estimates FEMA's final flood map will be complete in early 2012.

## Virginia

[Suffolk road remains closed to due private dam failure](#). Newport News Daily Press, 04/01/2010.

A private dam failed on 3/31. Details sketchy at this point.

[Public safety money should be spent elsewhere](#). Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 04/2/2010.

[Dam safety officials? Follow the money](#). Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 04/02/2010.

Letter to editor rebutting ASDSO's stance on new VA regulations.

[Dam bill means refunds at LOW](#). Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 04/04/2010.

Lake of the Woods Association members await Gov. McDonnell's signature on the bill that will relieve them of having to build a new spillway on their high-hazard dam. The action will bring LOW members a refund of the money they've paid to finance the \$6 million construction project.

[Suffolk reopens U.S. 460 after dam break](#). Virginian-Pilot, 04/04/2010.

After being closed for days after Sadler Pond dam burst, U.S. 460 reopened. The privately owned dam has failed four times in the past decade, according to a city spokesperson; a city-hired engineer estimated that repairs would have cost about \$1.2 million.

[LOW awaiting dam refunds](#). Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 04/11/2010.

Now that Gov. Bob McDonnell has signed legislation relieving Lake of the Woods from building a new dam spillway, LOW members can expect a refund, either a \$900 check or an application of that amount to their lot assessment bills. A \$1,200 special assessment was levied on lot owners last fall to cover a \$6 million spillway upgrade to LOW's main dam, but last month's changes to VA's dam safety laws negated LOW's obligation to do the work. LOW is holding \$300 from each \$1,200 payment to cover expenses.

[Norris briefs stakeholders on local water supply plan](#). Charlottesville Daily Progress, 04/16/2010.

Charlottesville Mayor Dave Norris says that studies requested by the City Council will result in a better solution for the area's water needs. The mayor supports the general framework of the 50-year water supply plan approved in 2006 but questions whether the new dam at Ragged Mountain needs to be built at the maximum height allowed under the state and federal permits issued in 2008. The existing century-old Lower Ragged Mountain Dam is operating under a conditional-use permit because of safety concerns. The state dam safety division wants an answer by the end of August about how structural

deficiencies will be addressed. The city is independently commissioning a study to determine whether the 1908 dam can be expanded as an alternative to building a new larger dam. The Council will receive a preliminary design and cost estimate on the new Ragged Mountain Dam in May.

[Va. boy's death prompts dam safety review.](#) (AP), 04/19/2010.

A Danville official is examining ways to make the Dan River's dams safer following the death of a boy who was fishing with his father when their boat flipped.

[Elevate dam safety.](#) Charlottesville Daily Progress, 04/23/2010.  
Editorial in support of public funding to remove unsafe dams.

[RWSA board asks Frederick to review water demand figures.](#) Charlottesville Daily Progress, 04/27/2010.  
102-year-old Lower Ragged Mountain Dam has been operating under a conditional certificate since 1978. The City of Charlottesville has commissioned a study on the feasibility of repairing the existing dam and building on top of it. The study will likely not be ready until the end of the year.

[RWSA: More Info Needed On Dam Safety Upgrades.](#) NBC 29 News, 04/27/2010.

Rivanna Water and Sewer Authority to study 50-year water supply plan before increasing spillway capacity of Ragged Mountain Dam, identified as unsafe by the state. RWSA hopes to have sufficient information by August, which is the deadline for a final design on proposed safety improvements.

## **Washington**

[Howard Hanson Dam fixes get the OK, but funding still need for long-term repairs.](#) Kent Reporter, 04/01/2010.

An independent review by three engineers has concluded the USACE is taking the right steps for temporary and permanent fixes to stop seepage through a damaged abutment next to the Howard Hanson Dam. The Corps plans to extend a grout curtain along the abutment this year or next year as a temporary fix, until a concrete cutoff wall can be constructed by 2014 or 2015.

[Snohomish dairy lagoon breach prompts multi-agency response](#) [Washington State Dept of Agriculture Press Release], 04/13/2010.

Failure of a 21 million gallon capacity dairy waste lagoon released an unknown quantity of manure into farm fields near the town of Snohomish. The manure has filtered through the fields, reaching French Slough and the Snohomish River. The state departments of Agriculture, Ecology and Fish and Wildlife, the USDA and other state and local agencies are responding. The lagoon was constructed to USDA NRCS standards in 1997 and permitted by Ecology's Dam Safety Office. NRCS and Ecology have visited the site and have begun an investigation to determine the cause of the lagoon failure.

[Howard Hanson Dam movement to be measured by GPS.](#) KING 5 News, 04/15/2010.

USACE is using a Global Positioning System installed by Central Washington University to monitor Howard Hanson Dam and monitor tectonic stress in order to anticipate earthquakes. CWU and the Corps say the GPS system will alert them to any shift in the dam for any reason.

[French slough dissolved oxygen levels continue to improve.](#) [Washington State Dept of Agriculture Press Release], 04/15/2010.

A key measure of water quality, the level of dissolved oxygen, continues to improve in French Slough in the wake of a large manure spill in adjoining fields.

Water quality in the slough was dramatically impacted after a 21 million gallon manure lagoon failed on April 11 or 12, releasing an unknown quantity of untreated waste across farm fields and into the waterway. French Slough empties into the Snohomish River approximately 1.5 miles downstream from the spill site. No fish kills have been observed in the slough or the river.

Teams from Ecology and USDA NRCS continue their efforts to determine the cause of the embankment collapse. Ecology and NRCS inspectors gathered information at the site earlier this week. Next week, an NRCS engineering investigation committee, consisting of a geo-technical engineer from the NRCS National Design Center; a civil engineer from the West National Technical Support Center; a geologist

from the Washington NRCS State Office; and an area Agricultural Engineer will conduct further on-scene investigations. Ecology's Dam Safety Office will also be conducting its own independent investigation into the failure.

<http://agr.wa.gov/News/2010/10-10.aspx>

[\*Officials seek cause of lagoon failure.\*](#) Capital Press, 04/15/2010.

Washington state and federal officials are trying to figure out why a 13-year-old dairy lagoon failed near Snohomish, Wash., spilling an estimated 15 million gallons of waste onto the surrounding farmland. Public health agencies have advised the public of the potential for manure exposure in the surface water. The lagoon was constructed to USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service standards in 1997 and permitted by the WA Dam Safety Office because of its size. Most dairy lagoons don't require state dam safety permits.

[\*Review finds Tri-City levees at urgent risk.\*](#) Tacoma News-Tribune, 04/28/2010.

USACE gives levees in Kennewick, Pasco and Richland its second lowest safety rating after finding evidence of seepage and piping. Potential safety risks and measures to reduce them will be presented to the public in May.

## **Wisconsin**

[\*Grafton voters choose to preserve Milwaukee River dam.\*](#) Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, 04/06/2010.

Voters approve referendum to keep the 92-year-old Bridge St. dam on the Milwaukee River for at least nine more years. In July 2009, the state DNR ordered the village to upgrade or replace the structure by 2019.

[\*This Week is Dam Safety Awareness Week\*](#) WSAW - Wausau, 04/26/2010.

DNR leaders and Governor Jim Doyle are urging swimmers and anglers to use common sense out on the waters.