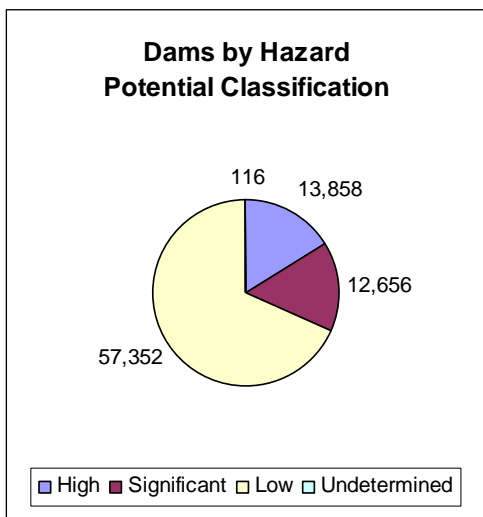


Updated National Inventory of Dams (NID) database available

The NID Web site, <https://nid.usace.army.mil>, is now using the newly-updated 2009 database, which includes structural, location and inspection information on 84,000 dams in the U.S. There are approximately 1,300 “new” dams, including 350 newly-constructed dams. Of the 50 states and 18 federal offices that regulate dams, 49 states and 14 federal offices provided updated dam information.

New for the 2009 database is the condition assessment field. Dam regulators assign a condition code of satisfactory, fair, poor or unsatisfactory, which is based upon the most recent inspection. The condition assessment field is only available to government-registered users. This condition information was requested only for high hazard potential dams and the NID received an assessment for 30 percent of all high hazard potential dams. There will be a data call for more condition assessments later this year.

The 2009 NID includes information on approximately 84,000 dams of which 80 percent are regulated by the State Dam Safety Offices and almost 70 percent of the entire



inventory is privately-owned dams. From the 2009 NID, 13,859 dams have been classified as high hazard potential, 12,656 significant, 57,352 low and 116 as undetermined. There are nearly 2,000 more dams listed as high hazard potential than the previous NID. Significant hazard potential dams have decreased by nearly 1,000 while the low hazard potential dams have remained fairly constant. A little more than 50 percent of all dams in the 2009 NID are less than 25-feet-high and only two percent are more than 100-feet-high. Recreation is still the most prevalent primary purpose of the reservoir with more than 30 percent of all NID dams. The EAP completion rate, according to the NID, is about 50

percent for all high hazard potential dams and approximately 80 percent of the high hazard potential dams have been inspected within the last five years.

To query the 2009 NID, please visit the NID Web site at <https://nid.usace.army.mil>. Users must accept the DoD certificate to continue through the security prompts. To query the database, please request an account from the NID Login tab. After a short approval process, the user receives an email notification with a username and password. There is a short PowerPoint tutorial available from the Interactive Report.

There are two levels of access for the NID Web site: government and non-government. All users may view summary charts by state or the nation. Non-government users may search the NID using the interactive report or map tools and view their results within the Web site. Government users have access to the government restricted fields, which are downstream hazard potential, nearest city, distance to nearest city and condition

assessment (category, detail and date). Government users also have the option of downloading the NID data by either their specific query or by state. To be granted government access, users must provide their government email address and a documented purpose. For government users having a commercial email account such as .com, .org, or .net, the NID administrator will contact the State Dam Safety Official for further verification before approving the account request. Please allow extra time for this approval process.

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