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ASDSO's National Dam Safety Conference: "Getting Better All the Time"

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The Association of State Dam Safety Officials invites all persons interested in the safety of dams to attend Dam Safety 2004, ASDSO's 21st annual conference, to be held September 26-30, 2004 at the beautiful Pointe South Mountain Resort, near Phoenix, Arizona.

This year's conference promises to be bigger and better than ever. ASDSO received a record number of abstracts, and a number of suggestions from a new Advisory Group, composed of representatives from state and federal agencies as well as private industry. As a result, the technical program will be expanded to include a full three days of sessions and workshops.

Preceding the technical program will be the annual business meeting of state dam safety representatives, a golf outing at the four-star Phantom Horse Golf Club course, and an evening reception in the Exhibit Pavilion. The conference will close on September 30, with a choice of two field trips: *Flood Control District of Maricopa County Dams* (White Tanks Flood Retarding Structure No. 3 and McMicken Dam) or *Bureau of Reclamation and Salt River Project Dams* (Stewart Mountain and Granite Reef dams).

Conference sessions will begin on Monday morning, with the annual ASDSO report, and a much-anticipated presentation, *Mesa Verde Prehistoric Reservoirs*, by keynote speaker Kenneth R. Wright, CFO and Chief Engineer of Wright Water Engineers.

The Tuesday morning general session will focus on National Dam Safety Program projects. Hal Van Aller, Geotechnical Engineer with the Maryland Dam Safety Division, will give a detailed report on one of these projects, *Best Practices for Design, Construction, Evaluation, and Maintenance of Conduits Through Embankment Dams*.

On Wednesday, September 29, ASDSO will depart from its traditional format and offer two all-day special workshops, as well as three technical sessions. The two special workshops, *International Progress in Dam Breach Evaluation* and *Dam Removal and*

Environmental Issues, promise to be interesting and informative additions to the conference.

The conference will also feature more than 20 additional sessions, with over 60 presentations on a number of topics, including:

- Dam Security Issues – Co-existence of dam safety and security, practical dam security
- Dam Failures and Incidents
- Dam Failure Modes
- Dam Breach Modeling
- Emergency Preparedness – Automation, warning systems, urban dams
- Hydrology: Extreme Events
- Geographic Information Systems Applications for Hydrology and Hydraulics
- Dam Construction – Materials and technology, design, contracting, sediment runoff control
- Spillways – Model studies, rehabilitation, emergency response
- Scour and Erosion
- Seepage Control
- Geotechnical Issues
- Seismic Rehabilitations of Dams
- Dam Safety Regulatory Programs – Enforcement, inventories, inspection
- Dam Inspections – Remote sensing, underwater inspection, remotely operated vehicles
- Dam Owner Issues – Partnering for dam repairs, development and hazard potential classification, and flood control.
- Three “Spotlights on the Poster Forum,” to be held in the Exhibit Pavilion.

ASDSO warmly invites you and your guests to renew old acquaintances and make new friends at Dam Safety 2004.

For the full conference agenda, and information about other conference events, including the annual awards banquet and guest activities, please see www.damsafety.org, or contact ASDSO at 859/257-5140, or info@damsafety.org.

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