

Caller Name: [REDACTED]	Date: 2/24/2021
Representing: Big Canoe residents	Phone Number: [REDACTED]
Dam Name: Lake Petit Dam	Dam ID
Classification: I	County: Pickens
Employee Handling Call: Tom Woosley	

**Subject/Issue(s) Discussed:** [REDACTED] called and left a message for me on February 23<sup>rd</sup> regarding this dam. He is an attorney representing several residents of Big Canoe. I called him today to discuss this dam. [REDACTED] indicated several residents had questions and they wanted him to get answers from me on those questions. In total, he had three questions. Those are listed below along with my response.

1. Is the POA operating within their license in particular with respect to inspections? He also noted it was his understanding these had to be done every six months and that the POA had not done those. I explained we don't do a license, rather we issue permits. Regarding the inspections, i explained the Rules for Dam Safety require the owner to do quarterly inspections and once every two years have an engineer perform an inspection. I further noted that since there had been some GORA requests recently i knew that we had some reports for 2020 already. I also pointed out the owners have until April 30 to submit reports from the past year.
  2. Is the POA in good standing with us and are there any compliance issues and thus are the owners not doing what they should. He also asked if the dam is safe. I first pointed out that we do not use terminology of a dam being safe and hoped as an attorney understands that position. He agreed. I further explained that we don't have a scoring system of an owner being in good or poor standing etc. I said that as far as i know the only issue at the dam has to do with the low level drain valve and its operability. I further noted the POA has communicated to us that they have hired an engiener to look into this and will be getting with us to discuss later. I noted this is more than what most owners would do.
  3. His third and final question related to what are the enforcement options if the owner is not in good standing [REDACTED] noted that based upon my response to question #2 this one might not be relevant. I answered that our first approach is typically to communicate with a dam owner to see if the situation can be rectified. If enforcement is needed then we could do a Non-compliance letter, a Notice of Violation, a Consent Order (where in we negotiate terms with the owner) or an Adminstrative Order where the Director orders what is to be accomplished.
- He thanked me for the quick response and answering his questions.

**Action Taken:** None

**Written Follow-up:**  Yes  No