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Mr. Bill Bates
Big Canoe Property Owners Association
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Subject: Emergency Action Plan
Petit Lake Dam (a.k.a. Big Canoe)
Pickens County
Permit #112-009-00462

Dear Mr. Bates:

Last year, the Rules for Dam Safety (Rules) were changed to require, among other things, the development of Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for all Category I dams. Under these rules, owners of dams classified as Category I before October 1, 2016, are required to submit their EAP by July 1, 2017, while owners of dams classified as Category I on or after October 1, 2016, are required to submit their EAP as part of their permit application. Even though some dams have more than one owner, there should only be one EAP developed and submitted for each dam. The owners should coordinate the development of the EAP.

The Safe Dams Program staff is available to assist dam owners in developing their EAPs. Beginning on February 2, 2017, and continuing until May 11, 2017, the program will set aside time each Thursday to answer questions and provide guidance on developing the EAP. We request you contact this office to set up specific times.

The Division has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and responses to aid in developing your EAP, including information on Division-approved formats. The FAQs are on the Division website at <http://epd.georgia.gov/watershed-protectionbranch> under the Safe Dams Program heading. A link is provided in the above-mentioned FAQs to help you contact your local county emergency management agency (EMA). Since a major component of an EAP is the interaction with the local EMA, we highly recommend you involve them early in the process.

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If you have any questions or wish to set up a meeting, you may contact me at (404) 651-8488 or via email at tom.woosley@dnr.ga.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dallon Thomas Woosley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Dallon Thomas Woosley, P.E.
Program Manager
Safe Dams Program

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