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Stan Stewart, General Manager
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SUBJECT: Lake Petit Dam
Pickens County

Dear Mr. Stewart:

You sent a letter to this office dated May 2, 2005 regarding your attempt to test the low level drain pipe. You inspected the gate valve at the request of our staff. The permit condition for dams with a drain valve is for them to be tested at least once a year. This requirement has not been enforced to date and therefore you get situations where silt and debris accumulate at the gate valve. Such is the case with your dam. Given the finding of your divers that there is four to six feet of silt, it is not wise at this point to test the gate valve.

At some point, the system will need to be checked. This office will coordinate with you at some point in the future on the best way to evaluate this system.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact this office at (404) 362-2678.

Sincerely,

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Program Manager
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