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After I received your email, another property owner contacted me to alert me to the fact that Geosyntec had already begun drawing down the lake, supposedly to do rip-rap work. I believe this is being accomplished by opening the old Water Intake pipe that used to supply drinking water to the community (*long since abandoned*), and subsequently funneling the water through a diversion pipe into the lower portion of the spillway. While any work regarding positive maintenance on the Dam is welcome, this did raise a few concerns which I want to make you aware of, and go on the record as being in opposition against in some instances:

**(1)** I wanted to make sure you were aware that they were lowering the lake, in the event it required your pre-approval, which in some cases I know it does.

**(2)** Myself and others are concerned that our visual observations over the past 6 months indicate a worsening seepage situation, which would be reflected in water table measurements. **I would like to hope that this lowering was not being timed to coincide with a quarterly inspection, which could obfuscate and skew the data, and hide any potential trend of rising phreatic levels.**

**(3)** Immediately after receiving your comments that they would be required to resubmit the Seismic Data as part of the new permit process, I was overjoyed, as that is probably the biggest concern that myself and many other property owners have. **But when I then received word that they were lowering the Dam, my mind went to a rather conspiracy theory mode, similar to #2 above, in which I imagined that this timing could be intentional, and that with lowered lake levels, Geosyntec may be able to collect more favorable internal water and pressure readings, that might be used to skew any new seismic data collection.**

Don't know. Just passing that on. Myself and others will be watching the water levels and inspection dates carefully. I hope that your group will be as well, and will ensure that new study data is collected at full pool, reflective of actual conditions, and not allow for the intentional skewing of data.

**I am going to conclude with the fact that my recent observations indicate that (A)** Seepage Areas on the Downstream face are growing in number, size and flow. **(B)** That the seepage in the lower left abutment is also spreading, and overall flow runs like a steady creek. I have walked that area often, and the other day, with almost no rain in 3 weeks, I was sinking into mud all over the side of the abutment. **(C)** The ballfield is turning into a marsh. I observed the area after about 12ish days relatively dry conditions, and there was still standing water. At 3 weeks the water was gone, but the ground was still very damp, and in some cases mud. Big Canoe closed the area off a couple of months ago after I made an observation on this, and heavily fertilized the area..... probably to grow back in the expanding patches of grass die off. If these things are not in the reports you are receiving, you need to know about them

Peace,  
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