

OPEN RECORDS REQUEST #0074 Lake Petit Dam Documents (Submitted: Sept 1, 2023)

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Greetings,

Please find attached a PDF copy of a new Open Records Request for any new records related to the EPD and Safe Dams Program, specifically regarding Lake Petit Dam.

I want to again document that I have NOT received any records in response to my previous ORR 0073. I have multiple sources reporting that various **records are being intentionally hidden from my requests by staffers in GA Safe Dams.** I am told there are records regarding proposals by Geosyntec/Big Canoe to GA Safe Dams regarding plans for the Lower Level Outlet; and that subsequently there are responses from GA Safe Dams to Geosyntec/Big Canoe denying said proposals, and that further cite concerns with the pipe condition, which is negating proposals being made by Geosyntec/Big Canoe for fixing that non-compliance issue, and appears to suggest that there is NO active potential solution to this issue. I am told that there is a Memorandum of Meeting that I am missing as well. I am being told very clearly that there is an exceptional volume of interaction going on between Ga Safe Dams and Geosyntec / Big Canoe. It is impossible to believe that there are no associated records, especially given the serious nature of the non-compliance issues in this Cat 1 Earthen Dam. **Is it protocol that high level engineering decisions be made in a fashion that include NO actual records. No engineered drawings? No written guidance? No phone logs? No emails between parties? Has GA Safe Dams developed a new "Mind-Meld" technology that allows the parties to simply think the plans to each other?**

This new request should also include a review of my last 2 requests (0073 & 0072) to make sure that GSD Staffers have not inadvertently overlooked some documents. A detailed internal review of GA Safe Dams Records Compliance may be appropriate based upon the feedback I am getting by my sources, and based on the documented active non-compliance standing this Dam is under, and the absence of many records one would expect to see, especially considering that some records / responses are documented to be required by certain dates which have passed, and yet to which no records of response seem to exist.

Due to the seriousness of the issues involved, and the potentially substantial threat to public safety, and the public's right to know, my Newspaper is requesting that highest priority be associated with this request, and that this be treated with time-is-of-the-essence response time.

Peace,
- david hopkins / publisher
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