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Department of Water Resources Reminds Water Managers to Monitor Dams

The North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR) is reminding all dam owners to monitor the condition of their dams and ensure spillways and outlets are not clogged as the spring melt and runoff begins. Regular and frequent monitoring in situations where flow is occurring through earthen spillways is also recommended.

Dams should be monitored during and after rainfall to check for any damage or unusual conditions that might exist. While dam maintenance and repairs are the responsibility of dam owners, dam owners are asked to report any damage or safety concerns to DWR and their local emergency managers to identify or request any assistance they might need.

"In addition to keeping an eye on the proper functionality of dams, we also want to remind dam owners that it is important for dams to have an updated Emergency Action Plan (EAP)," said DWR Director Andrea Travnicek. "EAPs identify potential dam emergency situations and specify the necessary course of action to take if an emergency arises."

Up-to-date EAPs are required for dams classified as medium or high hazard. Cost-share funding assistance from DWR and the State Water Commission of up to 80 percent of eligible costs is available to assist dam owners of medium/significant and high hazard dams with developing EAPs.

To report any damage or safety concerns regarding dams, contact Karen Goff at kgoff@nd.gov or 701.328.4953. For more information and updates, visit www.dwr.nd.gov.

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