

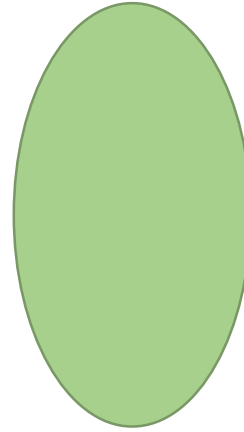
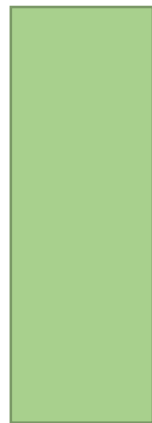
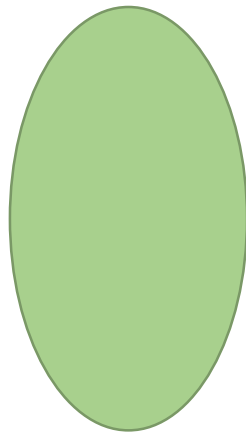
Indiana Dam Safety Program



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Presentation Overview:

- General Overview of Indiana DNR Dam Safety Program
- Meet Indiana Dam Safety Team



Dams in Indiana

Purpose of Dams:

- Flood Control
- Water Storage
- Recreation
- Farming
- Power, Hydroelectric



Regulated by any one of these agencies:

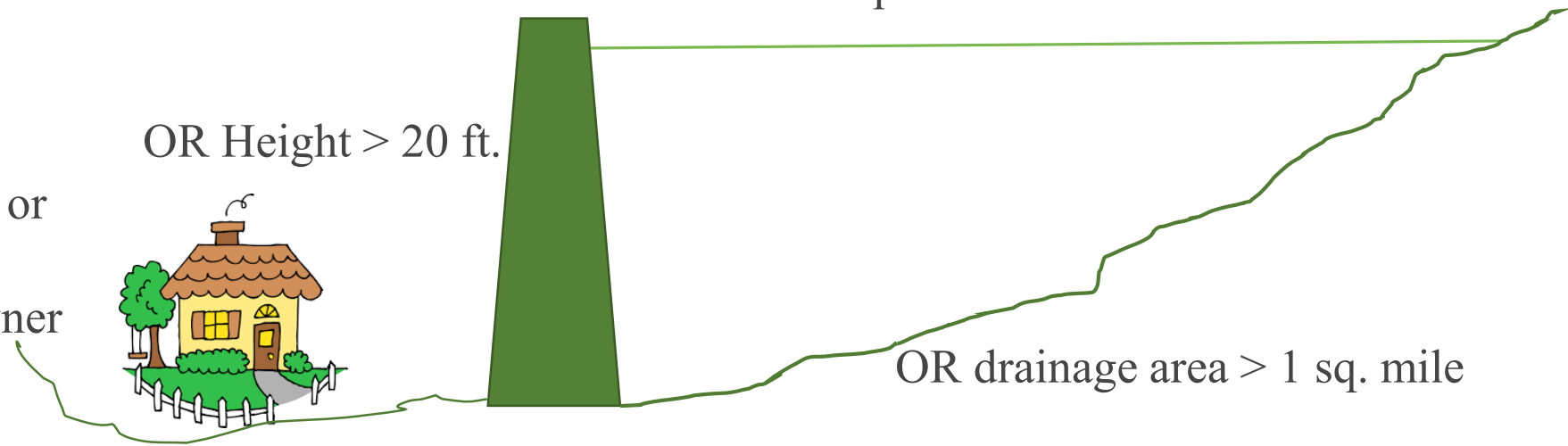
- Department of Natural Resources – non-hydropower, non-federal dams at the State Level
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) – Federal dams
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) –Hydropower dams

Dam **Safety** Statutes and Rules (IC-14-27-7.5)

Jurisdictional criteria:

- 20 feet high or
- 100 acre-feet impounded or
- 1 square mile drainage area or

Petition from downstream owner



• Jurisdictional dams ~ 1388

Hazard Classification I.C. 14-27-7.5

- High Hazard Dams – 278
 - Loss of life likely to occur
 - Serious damage to residences, commercial /Industrial buildings, public utilities, railroads and highways
 - Indefinite interruption of services

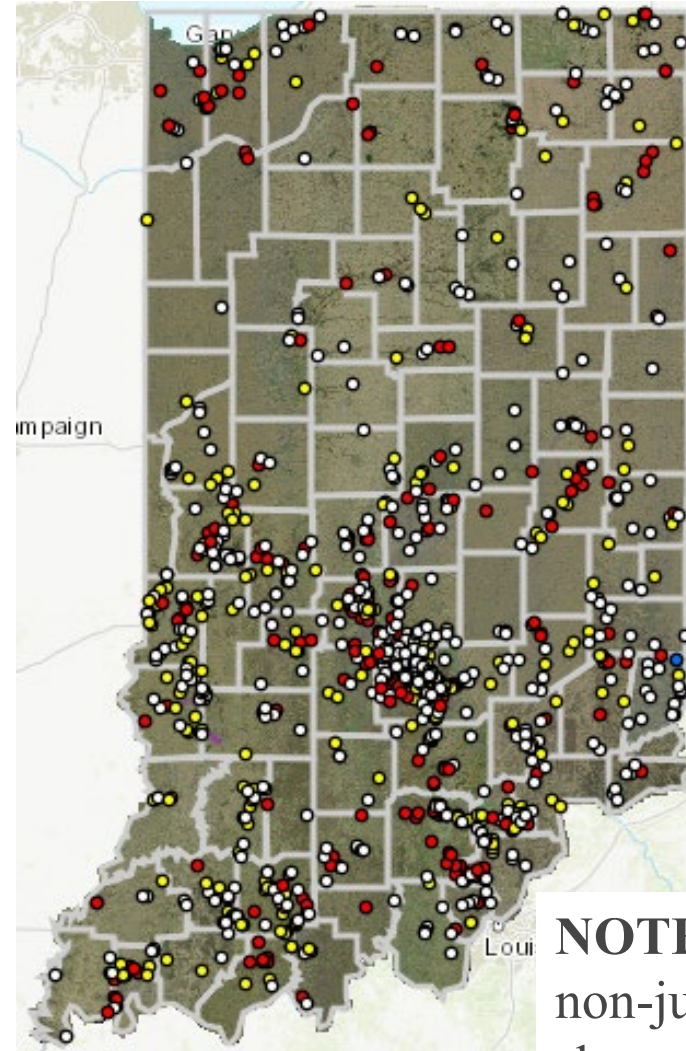
Inspection done every 2 years

- Significant Hazard Dams – 321
 - Damage to isolated homes and highways
 - Temporary interruption of services

Inspection done every 3 years

- Low Hazard Dams – 789
 - Damage to farm buildings, agricultural land or local roads
 - No interruption of services

Inspection done every 5 years



When downstream conditions change, classification can change.

NOTE: There are several non-jurisdictional dams not shown.

Dam Safety Program

Key responsibilities

- Permit new dams
- Approve plans for repair/reconstruction/removal
- Conduct safety inspections (~120 dams/year)
- Review inspection reports for privately owned high hazard dams
- Provide emergency response
- Hazard classification
- Maintain database of dams
 - ✓ ownership information, problems and recommendations
- Refer to compliance section
- Educate dam owners



New! Low Head Dam Program



Inspection Activities

- Look for change
- Complete inspection checklist
 - ✓ Walk all portions of embankment
 - ✓ Evaluate concrete portions of dam
 - ✓ Evaluate outlet structures
 - ✓ Look for downstream development
 - ✓ Check water level
- Document with photographs
- Prepare inspection report and forward to owners
 - ✓ Observations/deficiencies, recommendations
 - ✓ Conditional assessment - satisfactory, fair, conditionally poor, poor, and unsatisfactory
- Opportunity for outreach and education with owners



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<https://www.dnr.IN.gov/water/2458.htm>

Dams

[Indiana Dam Safety Inspection Manual](#)

[General Guidelines for New Dams & Improvements to Existing Dams in Indiana](#)

[IC 14-27-7.5 Regulation of Dams](#)

[312 IAC Article 10.5 Regulation of Dams](#)

[Incident and Emergency Action Plans](#)

Levees

[IC 14-27-7 Dams, Dikes and Levees; Regulation Act](#)

Thank you!

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