

**FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

Emergency Operations

Part 095 Emergency Preparedness and Response

Chapter 9 Emergency Action Plans for High and Significant Hazard Dams

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9.1 What is the purpose of this chapter? This chapter describes policies, procedures, and responsibilities for emergency action planning for Service high and significant hazard dams.

9.2 Where can I find more information about the Service Dam Safety Program? We will perform all planning, design, construction, repair, operation, and maintenance of dams in accordance with 361 FW 1 and 361 FW 2.

9.3 Who is responsible for emergency action planning for Service high and significant hazard dams? All the responsibilities in 360 FW 1 and 361 FW 1 apply, as well as those identified below:

A. Service Dam Safety Officer (SDSO) is responsible for:

- (1) Developing Emergency Action Plans (EAPs) for all high and significant hazard dams.
- (2) Assisting Regional Dam Safety Officers (RDSOs) in implementing EAPs.
- (3) Performing periodic EAP exercises as defined in 361 FW 2 .
- (4) Updating EAPs associated with major repair or rehabilitation to high and significant hazard dams.

B. Regional Directors are responsible for the safety and operation of all facilities within their Region.

C. Regional Dam Safety Officers are responsible for:

- (1) Assisting the SDSO in developing EAPs for high and significant hazard dams.
- (2) Updating and implementing EAPs.
- (3) Performing EAP annual reviews.
- (4) Providing technical and decision making support to field staffs during an unusual or emergency event.
- (5) Annual testing, verification and certification of EAPs.

D. Regional Engineers, at the discretion of the Regional Director, through the Assistant Regional Director--Budget and Administration, assist the RDSO in developing and implementing EAPs.

E. Project Leaders are responsible for:

- (1) Implementing EAPs.

(2) Ensuring the safety of employees and visitors that may be impacted by dam failure or misoperation.

9.4 What are the requirements for EAPs? All of the requirements in 361 FW 2 apply, as well as those identified below:

A. All high and significant hazard dams must have an EAP. Prepare the EAPs in accordance with Service guidelines. EAPs include, at a minimum, names, addresses, and telephone numbers of personnel and public officials responsible for public safety, and media contacts; actions required under specific hydrologic situations and dam conditions; and actions required to address other emergencies, as appropriate, such as fire, vandalism, equipment failure, sabotage, drowning or major accidents, oil spills, etc.

B. The RDSO will perform an EAP annual review for high and significant hazard dams within the Region in accordance with procedures outlined in the EAPs. The RDSO will perform annual testing, verification, and certification of EAPs by November 1 of each year. The RDSO will submit a verification statement, in accordance with the Standing Operating Procedures, along with any revisions to the EAPs, to the SDSO, annually, on or before November 30.

C. The SDSO will perform EAP periodic tests every 5 years in accordance with procedures in the EAPs.