

**FORM FOR THE DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT OF A SMALL CATEGORY II DAM**

Name of dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Departmental file reference for dam: \_\_\_\_\_

- Note: (i) Where possible sections 1 to 8 should be completed prior to the dam safety inspection.
- (ii) Survey instruments (at least a level and tape) should be taken along on the site inspection to check the longitudinal profile of the non-overflow crest, relative heights between NOC and spillway crest, and to check embankment slopes (where applicable).
- (iii) Additional information or issues requiring more detailed description may be included on separate pages and attached to this form.

**SECTION 1: AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

List all plans and reports that are available on the dam and which have been studies for the dam safety inspection. Please enclose copies of plans with typical details. If no such plans exist, sketches must be made. A copy of a 1:50 000 map showing the location must also be supplied. Photographs taken during the inspection should also be enclosed and referred to in the report.

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**SECTION 2: DESCRIPTION OF THE DAM**

Wall type: \_\_\_\_\_ Wall height (maximum): \_\_\_\_\_

Storage capacity: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion date: \_\_\_\_\_

Crest length: \_\_\_\_\_ Crest width: \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor: \_\_\_\_\_ Designer: \_\_\_\_\_

Betterment works done after completion: \_\_\_\_\_

Problems which occurred previously: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 3: GEOLOGY OF DAM SITE**

General details

(Rock types, quality, weathering, joint spacing, joint openings, joint filling, shear zones, etc.)

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Geological conditions must be concisely summarised below and actual or potential problems such as sliding resistance, settlement, seepage, erodability, etc. mentioned.

Left flank: \_\_\_\_\_

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Right flank: \_\_\_\_\_

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River section: \_\_\_\_\_

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Spillway channel: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are the slopes around the dam basin stable? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4: DESCRIPTION OF WALL MATERIAL**

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**SECTION 5: CHECKING OF REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

A computer printout of the registration information of the dam was issued with the instruction to inspect. Please check whether all information is correct and complete. If there are any changes please indicate them on the computer printout and send it back with the inspection report. Information corrected: Yes or No? \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 6: EVALUATION OF THE HAZARD POTENTIAL**

Estimate of potential loss of life: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate of potential economic loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Hazard potential rating as classified: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you agree with the classification? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, please apply for reclassification on the DW692E form.

**SECTION 7: FLOOD ESTIMATES**

Catchment area (km<sup>2</sup>): \_\_\_\_\_

Methods used for flood estimates: \_\_\_\_\_

Flood estimates 1:20 (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 1:50 (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 1:100 (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 1:200 (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Regional maximum flood (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Probable maximum flood (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended design flood (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Safety evaluation flood (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Motivation for choice of recommended design flood and safety evaluation flood (which guidelines were used) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 8: EVALUATION OF SPILLWAY CAPACITY**

Spillway type: \_\_\_\_\_

Spillway length: \_\_\_\_\_ Critical spillway width: \_\_\_\_\_

Height of lowest point on non-overflow crest above spillway (m): \_\_\_\_\_

Spillway capacity with no freeboard (m<sup>3</sup>/s): \_\_\_\_\_

Will the incoming flood be significantly reduced by flood absorption? \_\_\_\_\_

Available freeboard during recommended design flood (m): \_\_\_\_\_

Will the dam fail if the non-overflow crest is overtopped? \_\_\_\_\_

What erosion could be expected during the recommended design flood? \_\_\_\_\_

And during the safety evaluation flood? \_\_\_\_\_

Final evaluation of spillway capacity: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION 9: INSPECTION OF THE DAM**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Water level in dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Did it rain recently? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons present at inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

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**EARTH WALLS**

**CREST OF EARTH WALLS**

Crest width (m) \_\_\_\_\_ Has the crest width changed since construction? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the crest still level or has settlement occurred? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of erosion? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there signs of cracks? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe (use separate page, if necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

Is regular maintenance necessary on the crest? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of holes (ants, rats, meercats, moles, crabs, etc.) Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**UPSTREAM FACE OF EARTH WALLS**

Slope (vertical: horizontal): \_\_\_\_\_

Slope protection measures (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there signs of erosion? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there signs of cracks? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of settlement? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**DOWNSTREAM FACE OF EARTH WALLS**

Slope (vertical: horizontal): \_\_\_\_\_

Slope protection measures (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of erosion? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of cracks? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of settlement? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of bulging/sliding? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there wet patches? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of seepage/leaks? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of leakage? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the leaking water clear or turbid? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there signs of holes (ants, rats, meercats, moles, crabs, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEGETATION ON EARTH WALL**

Are there any trees or shrubs on the wall? \_\_\_\_\_

If so describe type, size, number and position: \_\_\_\_\_

**DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN EARTH WALL**

Does a toe drain or internal drainage system exist? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of leakage? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the water from the drains clear or turbid? \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCRETE WALLS**

Do cracks exist? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe on separate page, if necessary (position, size, length):

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Is there leakage through the cracks? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe (flow rate: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there leakage at the joints? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there settlement? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there relative movement? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe condition of concrete: \_\_\_\_\_

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Upstream slope (horizontal: vertical): \_\_\_\_\_

Downstream slope (horizontal: vertical): \_\_\_\_\_

Describe pressure relief holes: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DOWNSTREAM TOE AND FLANKS OF ANY DAM**

Describe wet patches (position, size): \_\_\_\_\_

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Seepage/leaks (position, flow rate): \_\_\_\_\_

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Is the leakage water clear or turbid? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any trees or shrubs within 5 m of the wall? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLOOD OUTLETS (OF ANY DAM)**

Condition of structures in spillway channel (cills, retaining walls etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Is the stability of the damwall threatened by the spillway channel? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there loose material in the spillway channel? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any erosion in the spillway channel? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Is there any erosion in the river? \_\_\_\_\_ Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

Are the spillway length and freeboard still as shown on the drawings? \_\_\_\_\_

**OUTLET WORKS (OF ANY DAM)**

Number of outlet pipes: \_\_\_\_\_ Diameter: \_\_\_\_\_ Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition of outlet pipe foundation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is the control upstream or downstream? \_\_\_\_\_

Is there provision for an upstream emergency valve? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the valves used regularly? \_\_\_\_\_

Are the valves in working condition? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there leaks alongside the outlet pipe? \_\_\_\_\_

Any erosion downstream of the outlet works? \_\_\_\_\_

Rust protection? \_\_\_\_\_

Other observations: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION 10: EVALUATION OF STABILITY OF DAMWALL**

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**SECTION 11: EVALUATION OF DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

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**SECTION 12: EVALUATION OF OWNERS PROGRAM FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

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**SECTION 13: OTHER FINDINGS**

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**SECTION 14: RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is suggested that the recommendation are repeated in the covering letter to the owner. The recommendations must be clearly numbered for future reference and a copy of the letter submitted to the Department with the report. Please indicate urgency of each recommendation below. Recommendations regarding maintenance work \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendations regarding routine inspections and monitoring: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendations and motivation regarding further investigations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Recommendations and motivations regarding betterment works: \_\_\_\_\_

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Other recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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NAME (APPROVED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER): \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_