

Darin Shaffer

From: Darin Shaffer
Sent: Friday, July 22, 2022 4:20 PM
To: Yeziarski, Michelle
Subject: RE: Round Valley Dike

Thanks. Have a good weekend -

On Jul 22, 2022 4:09 PM, "Yeziarski, Michelle" <Michelle.Yeziarski@cisa.dhs.gov> wrote:
I'll give you a call on Monday.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Darin Shaffer <dshaffer@njwsa.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Yeziarski, Michelle <Michelle.Yeziarski@cisa.dhs.gov>
Cc: Marc Brooks <mbrooks@njwsa.org>
Subject: RE: Round Valley Dike

Hi Michelle,

I hope all is well with you. As you can see from John Kale's email below, the Water Supply Authority finds ourselves in a bit of a local uproar. We informally requested that Hunterdon County consider permanently closing about a one mile stretch of County Rd. 629 which traverses the Round Valley Dike crest. Our request to close the road was based on the 2012 report titled Round Valley Dike NJ Assessment Pilot Study prepared by DHS and USACE. The County Engineer had no objection from a County need perspective, but the County wants "buy-in" from the adjoining municipalities and we are receiving pushback from some residents (you probably remember the road - it is scenic and a convenient short-cut for some residents). As you can imagine, it is a challenge to convince people that it is in the public's best interest to close the road without releasing the FOUO report that identifies the concern.

To help alleviate the public's skepticism, I have sought a letter of support from NJ Dam Safety (Clint prepared a letter that it is under review by his chain of command). I have also requested input from NJ State Police () to see if he can qualitatively validate that the report provides a legitimate basis for our request. Which brings me to my question for you - can you tell me if that report could be updated or maybe just the computer model runs related to the dam/dike crests could be updated? The 3 RV dams are currently undergoing rehabilitation that changes the downstream slope (from 2:1 to 2.5:1 or 2.5:1 to 3:1). All other dam parameters remain essentially the same. I doubt that this changes the outcome much, but I anticipate that the question will be asked.

The report preface indicates that you helped with preparation of the report, so I was hoping you might be able to help or direct me to others. If something can be done to update the models/report, let me know what is needed from us to make that happen. If it is easier for you to discuss on the phone, don't hesitate to call my cell anytime. Thanks -

Darin

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From: Kale, John [DEP] <John.Kale@dep.nj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 9:54 AM
To: Darin Shaffer <dshaffer@njwsa.org>; Marc Brooks <mbrooks@njwsa.org>
Subject: Round Valley Dike

Darin,

As I thought, it is up to the individual organization to determine how best to protect their facility. As Mark mentioned, [REDACTED] Assessment study does state that [REDACTED] could produce [REDACTED]. Later the report mention "Protective Measures for Consideration". This included vehicle barriers on each end of the dam.

Send a letter to Clint requesting support in your efforts to secure the dike.

John

From: Yeziarski, Michelle <Michelle.Yeziarski@cisa.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 9:08 AM
To: Kale, John [DEP] <John.Kale@dep.nj.gov>
Cc: Yeziarski, Michelle <Michelle.Yeziarski@cisa.dhs.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Question

John,