INITIAL STRUCTURAL STABILITY ASSESSMENT REPORT

ASH BASIN NO. 1

MONTOUR STEAM ELECTRIC STATION DERRY TOWNSHIP, MONTOUR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present the results of the Initial Structural Stability Assessment of the Montour Steam Electric Station (MSES) Ash Basin 1. The assessment was performed in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 40 CFR Parts 257 and 261 Hazardous and Solid Waste Management System; Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals From Electric Utilities; Final Rule, dated April 17, 2015 (CCR Rule). In accordance with Section 257.73(d) of the CCR Rule, and based on the information available at the time of the assessment, CEC evaluated Basin 1 regarding:

- Stable foundations and abutments;
- Slope protection;
- Compaction of dike materials;
- Dike Vegetation;
- Spillway Adequacy;
- Hydraulic structures underlying or passing through the dike; and
- Stability of downstream slopes after flooding.

2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

Montour, LLC (Montour) operates a coal combustion residuals (CCR) management facility, known as Ash Basin 1, at their MSES near Washingtonville, Pennsylvania. Basin 1 is regulated under the Pennsylvania Residual Waste Regulations of Title 25 PA Code, Chapters 287 and 289. Basin 1 is permitted as a PADEP Class II Residual Waste Disposal Impoundment. Basin 1 is operated under Permit No. 301315, which expires in April 2018. Basin 1 is also regulated by the PADEP Bureau of Waterways Engineering Division of Dam Safety under Permit No. 47-009 and under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. PA0008443.

Basin 1 went into service in 1971 and was developed by excavating site soils to construct an embankment dike around the excavation. The top of the dike is set at Elevation 564 (NGVD 1929). The perimeter of Basin 1 is approximately 11,000 feet in length and up to approximately 40 feet high. The dike ties into natural grade along the eastern side of the basin. Basin 1 is divided into Subbasins A, B, and C by internal dikes referred to as the Median Dike and the Splitter Dike as shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A.

The CCRs disposed in Basin 1 have historically included coal fly ash (ceased in 1982), coal bottom ash (presently managed elsewhere), Stabil-Fil (lime-amended fly ash), and mill rejects (presently managed elsewhere). Bottom ash fines are currently sluiced into the western portion of Subbasin B, which functions as a settling basin. The water is decanted by culverts through the splitter dike into Subbasin C. Water is discharged from Subbasin C through a spillway consisting of a 36-inch reinforced concrete riser and culvert pipe to the on-site detention basin before discharging to Chillisquaque Creek where it is monitored under an NPDES Permit. Conditioned Fly Ash (CFA), which is fly ash conditioned with moisture, is currently being placed in Subbasin A in accordance with a Major Permit Modification issued by PADEP on June 18, 2015. Refer to Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix A for site location and layout.

3.0 DOCUMENT REVIEW

CEC reviewed documents provided by Talen related to the Basin construction and operation. Basin 1 has been inspected in accordance with the PADEP requirements for many years. The Initial Annual Inspection Report of Basin 1 in accordance with the CCR Rule was performed on June 11, 2015 by HDR Engineering, Inc. (HDR). Geosyntec Consultants prepared a History of Construction Report of Basin 1 in accordance with the CCR Rule and a Lake Chillisquaque Dambreak Analysis was prepared in 1999. CEC prepared an Initial Inflow Design Flood Control System Plan for Basin 1 in October 2016, and the Initial Safety Factor Assessment Report in October 2016. These documents were reviewed and used as references to assess the requirements in the CCR Rule.

4.0 INITIAL STRUCTURAL STABILITY SITE VISIT

On June 17, 2016, Mr. Jonathan Niemiec, P.E. of CEC performed a site visit to observe the conditions of Basin 1 as it relates to the structural stability assessment required by the CCR Rule. A comprehensive site walk of the entire basin and discussions with Talen personnel were performed during this visit. A PADEP Dam Inspection Checklist was completed by CEC during the inspection. The completed checklist associated with this site visit is included in Appendix C. Select photographs taken during this site visit are included in Appendix B and the photograph locations are shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A.

5.0 STRUCTURAL STABILITY CRITERIA

To comply with the CCR Rule, this report documents if the facility displays evidence of the requirements outlined in Section 257.73(d)(1) of the CCR Rule. The following sections address these requirements.

5.1 STABLE FOUNDATIONS AND ABUTMENTS

Based on CEC's site visit, and the documents reviewed, CEC concludes that the dike foundations and abutments appear to be stable. In accordance with Section 257.83(a)(i) of the CCR Rule, Talen will monitor the dike slopes, foundations, and abutments for signs of instability on a weekly basis.

According to Section 3.5 of the Basin 1 History of Construction Report, the Basin 1 perimeter dike was primarily founded on bedrock consisting of weathered shale. The perimeter dike ties into natural existing grade at the northern and southeastern corners of the basin. According to the History of Construction Report, the abutment material at these locations consists of residual soils overlying weathered shale. A view of these northern and southeastern dike corners are shown in Photographs 1 and 2 in Appendix B.

During CEC's site visit, a seep at the toe of the northern dike slope, just upstream of the seepage collection system, was observed. The seep was observed to be flowing and the seepage water appeared to be clear. Iron oxidation was observed on the riprap at the seep. This seep can be seen in Photograph 3 in Appendix B. Talen is currently investigating the cause of this seep so that the issue can be addressed.

Ponding water was observed between the existing rail line and the toe of the southwestern dike slope, east of the pipe bridge, at the time of our site visit as shown in Photograph 4 in Appendix B. The area between the toe of slope and rail line to the west of the pipe bridge was wet; however, no ponding water was observed in this area. The Initial Annual Inspection indicates that this area is generally wet. No signs of slope instability were observed along the southwestern dike slope. A rock buttress was constructed in 2007 along the southwestern downstream dike slope in the area of the pipe bridge to increase stability.

5.2 SLOPE PROTECTION

Most of Basin 1 has CCRs placed to the top of the dike elevation which covers the upstream side of the dike. Subbasin C and the western portion of Subbasin B are the only areas within Basin 1 where the upstream dike slopes are exposed. The upstream slopes in these two areas are mostly covered with

vegetation and are mowed as needed. Section 3.6.4 of the History of Construction Report states that a berm was constructed along the perimeter dike to protect against erosion from wave action. This document states that the berm was constructed of reclaimed bottom ash and mill rejects. Recent topography indicates that this berm has remained in place. Photographs 5 through 7 in Appendix B show the condition of the vegetation on the upstream dike slopes at the time of our site visit.

5.3 COMPACTION OF DIKE MATERIALS

The History of Construction Report states that based on Drawing G-199944-11 by Ebasco Services, Inc. dated March 28, 1968, the materials used to construct the dike were to be compacted to at least 95% of the maximum dry density based on the standard Proctor (ASTM D698). The Initial Safety Factor Assessment Report indicates that the dike materials are adequate to withstand the range of loading conditions expected to be experienced by the dike. The conditions of the dike materials used in the Initial Safety Factor Assessment Report were based on field and laboratory testing data obtained during CEC's 2015 subsurface investigation and from previous subsurface investigations.

5.4 DIKE VEGETATION

The CCR Rule currently states that the vegetation on the dikes and surrounding areas shall not exceed 6 inches above the slope of the dike, except for slopes which have an alternate form or forms of slope protection. According to the CCR Rule Litigation between USEPA and Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) Petitioners and Environmental Petitioners, this requirement has been removed from the CCR Rule.

Talen's vegetation control program calls for cutting vegetation at least three times a year during the growing season. In accordance with Section 257.83(a)(i) of the CCR Rule, Talen will perform weekly inspections of the dike slopes. During these inspections the condition of the vegetation will be documented and any issues reported will be promptly addressed.

At the time of CEC's inspection, the dike slopes were mostly covered with grassy vegetation. Larger vegetation such as shrubs or trees were not present on the dike slopes. The downstream slopes contain vegetation along the entire dike excluding the areas where riprap has been placed. Photographs 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, and 13 show the condition of the vegetation on the downstream dike slopes at the time of our site visit.

5.5 SPILLWAY ADEQUACY

The current spillway is located in Subbasin C and consists of a 36-inch reinforced concrete riser and culvert pipe. This spillway discharges into the on-site detention basin before discharging to Chillisquaque Creek. The top of the spillway riser is shown in Photograph 8 in Appendix B.

Based on the assessment presented in the Initial Inflow Design Flood Control System Plan by CEC dated October, 2015, the existing discharge structures in Basin 1 cannot manage the CCR Rule design storm during the existing or final conditions.

During the Initial Annual Inspection by HDR, the spillway in Subbasin C was inspected with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV). The ROV encountered an obstruction approximately 45 feet downstream of the Subbasin C spillway riser. According to the report, the obstruction appears to be blocking approximately 80 to 90 percent of the spillway culvert opening. Based on the pool level measurements provided by Talen, the normal pool in Subbasin C does not appear to have been affected by the obstruction under normal operating conditions. Talen is currently taking measures to investigate the removal of the obstruction. A detailed inspection of the spillway was not performed as part of this assessment.

5.6 HYDRAULIC STRUCTURES UNDERLYING OR PASSING THROUGH THE DIKE

The integrity of the spillway located in Subbasin C is inspected as part of the annual inspection by HDR. An inspection of this pipe was attempted during the Initial Annual Inspection with a ROV; however, very little of the structure could be seen due to the obstruction. Past inspections indicate that the integrity of the spillway pipe is satisfactory.

Two abandoned reinforced concrete pipe culverts are present beneath the dike on the north side of Basin 1 as shown on Figure 2. The outlet of the western plugged culvert is exposed and is shown in Photograph 9 in Appendix B. According to the Initial Annual Inspection Report, this pipe was inspected from the downstream end with a ROV by Talen in 2014. A concrete plug was encountered during the inspection approximately 59 feet from the outlet end. Drawing G-199945-13 by Ebasco Services, Inc. dated March 15, 1968 indicates that the eastern plugged culvert was temporarily installed to allow flow of an existing creek through the dike embankment, most likely during construction. The exact location of the eastern plugged culvert is unknown.

Several 15-inch to 24-inch HDPE stormwater pipes pass through the dike in Subbasin A. These pipes are currently plugged as part of the Major Permit Modification to place CFA in Basin 1 and to direct all surface water run-off to Subbasin C. These pipes were not observed during our site visit. These pipes were inspected with a ROV as part of the Initial Annual Inspection and were found to be in satisfactory condition.

In 1973, a seepage collection system was installed on the northwestern side of the basin for collecting seepage water and conveying it back to Basin 1. In 1979, the system was extended farther to the northeast and an additional pump station was added to convey the seepage water back to the basin. The collection system consists of a buried interceptor trench at the downstream toe of the northern dike. The trench contains a pipe that is sloped to convey water to four manholes positioned along its length. The manholes are equipped with submersible pumps that operate via level controls to pump the accumulated water back into the basin. Pipes pass through the northern dike to convey pumped water from the seepage collection system to Subbasin B. Some of the pipes were observed to be flowing during our inspection and based on our observations and conversations with Talen, are buried at a relatively shallow depth, just below the crest. One of these pipes is shown in Photograph 10 in Appendix B.

5.7 STABILITY OF DOWNSTREAM SLOPES AFTER FLOODING

Based on the Montour SES Lake Chillisquaque Dambreak Analysis dated November 1999, inundation of a portion of the northern dike slope adjacent to the Chillisquaque Creek is possible if a dam breach should occur. Therefore, CEC evaluated the stability of the exterior embankment at Cross Section 1-1 considering a rapid drawdown scenario of the maximum flood elevation. Figure 2 in Appendix A shows the location of Cross Section 1-1.

CEC reviewed the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood insurance rate map and the Montour SES Lake Chillisquaque Dambreak Analysis dated November 1999. The Dambreak Analysis reported a maximum flood level at the Montour Power Plant (located approximately 2.4 miles downstream of the dam) of approximately Elevation 528. The FEMA map reports a flood elevation of approximately Elevation 524 at the location of Basin 1. Elevation 528 was used in our analysis. The dike does not extend down to Elevation 528 at Cross Sections 2-2, 3-3, and 4-4, so they were not evaluated for rapid drawdown. The FEMA flood map and an excerpt from the dambreak analysis are included in Attachment J.

Section 257.73(e) of the CCR Rule does not specify a minimum FS for rapid drawdown. However, the regulations suggest that this evaluation be completed, if applicable. ACOE Engineering Manual EM 1110-2-1902 "Slope Stability" (October 2003) recommends a minimum FS of 1.1 (drawdown from maximum surcharge pool) and 1.3 (drawdown from maximum storage pool). The maximum water level used in the analysis is an extreme event (dam breach under the probable maximum precipitation event) so the lower FS is recommended. Based on our analysis, a FS of 1.4 was calculated for this drawdown scenario. Refer to the Basin 1 Initial Safety Factor Assessment Report for more information regarding the subsurface conditions and analysis methodology.

6.0 CONCLUSIONS

Based on our site visit and document review, CEC concludes that Basin 1 generally meets the criteria outlined in Section 257.73(d)(1) of the CCR Rule with the exception of the requirements for spillway capacity.

7.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

In accordance with Section 257.73(d)(2) of the Final Rule, if a deficiency or release is identified during the periodic assessment, the owner or operator unit must remedy the deficiency or release as soon as feasible and prepare documentation detailing the corrective measure taken. CEC recommends that the following be performed to maintain compliance with the CCR Rule.

- Remove the obstruction in the spillway as soon as possible to increase the flow capacity of the spillway, and investigate the cause of the spillway obstruction and implementing measures to reduce the chances of future obstructions.
- Modify the spillway to increase the capacity to convey the CCR Rule design storm.
- Investigate the seepage collection system at the northern dike slope to address the seep observed during CEC's site visit.
- Inspect the outlet of the plugged western culvert near Chillisquaque Creek as part of the weekly inspections to be performed in accordance with the CCR Rule.

8.0 **CERTIFICATION**

The following is provided in accordance with Section 257.73(d)(3) of the CCR Rule.

By affixing my seal to this, I do hereby certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that the information contained in this report is true and correct. I further certify I am licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that it is within my professional expertise to verify the correctness of the information. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment.

Jonathan M. Niemiec, P.E.

P.E. License Number: PE078190 Signature: Date: WATHAN MORGAN NIEMIEC

9.0 **REFERENCES**

- 1. HDR Engineering, Inc. January 2016. Initial Annual Inspection Report of Basin 1.
- 2. Geosyntec Consultants. October 2016. *History of Construction Report.*
- 3. November 1999. Montour SES Lake Chillisquaque Dambreak Analysis.
- 4. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. October 2016. *Initial Inflow Design Flood Control System Plan Montour Ash Basin No. 1.*
- 5. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. October 2016. *Initial Safety Factor* Assessment Safety Factor Assessment Report.

APPENDIX A

FIGURES





APPENDIX B

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photograph 1 – Northern Abutment



Photograph 2 – Southern Abutment



Photograph 3 – Seep at Toe of Northern Dike Slope (looking west)



Photograph 4 – Ponding Water at Toe of Southwestern Dike Slope



Photograph 5 – Western Upstream Slope of Subbasin C



Photograph 6 – Southern Upstream Slope of Subbasin C



Photograph 7 – Northwestern Upstream Slope of Subbasin B (looking northeast)



Photograph 8 – Top of Spillway Riser in Subbasin C (looking north)



Photograph 9 – Abandoned Overflow Culvert Pipe Outlet (plugged)



Photograph 10 – Seepage Collection System Outlet Pipe



Photograph 11 – Northern Downstream Slope (looking west)



Photograph 12 – Northern Downstream Slope (looking east)



Photograph 13 – Southern Downstream Slope and Dike Crest (looking west)

APPENDIX C

PADEP DAM INSPECTION CHECKLIST

DAM INSPECTION CHECKLIST Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waterways Engineering Division of Dam Safety								
NAME OF DAM: Montour S	<u>ES Ash Basin 1</u>	DEP DAM NO.: <u>47-009</u>						
LOCATION: Municipality: <u>Wa</u>	shingtonville	County: Montour						
DEP CLASSIFICATION DATA	A: Size:	Hazard:						
PHYSICAL DATA: Type of Dam: <u>Earth</u>	Height of Dam: Varies (<u>40 FT max)</u>	Normal Pool Storage Capacity: 8,760,470 Tons						
ELEVATIONS (Est.): Subbasin C Normal Pool: <u>552 FT MSL</u>	Subbasin C at Inspection:	Subbasin B at Inspection:						
DAM OWNER: <u>Talen Energy</u>	Y	OPERATOR: <u>Talen Energy</u>						
Address: <u>18 McMicheal Road</u> Danville, PA 17821	<u>d</u>							
Phone: FAX	X No.:	E-Mail Address:						
A completed and signed Dam O PERSONS PRESENT AT INSP Name: Jonathan M. Niemiec, P.E.	wners Notice Checklist is ECTION: Title/Position: Project Manager	to accompany this Inspection Checklist. Representing: Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.						
DATE OF INSPECTION: <u>6/1</u>	7/16							
WEATHER: <u>Clear</u>	WEATHER: Clear							
TEMPERATURE: 60 to 80 degrees F								

DEP DAM NO.: 47-009

ITEM	CONDITION	COMMENTS	Montor	IVESTIGATE	REPAIR				
		EMBANKMENT: CREST							
1	Surface Cracking	None observed.							
2	Sinkhole, Animal Burrow	None observed.							
3	Low Area(s)	None observed.							
4	Horizontal Alignment	No observed.							
5	Ruts and/or Puddles	None observed.							
6	Vegetation Condition	Not Applicable – Gravel Surface is in good condition.							
7	Warning Signs	Not observed							
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9									
	F	ΜΒΛΝΚΜΕΝΤ· ΠΟΣΤΟΓΛΜ ΓΛΟΓ							
10	Slide Slough Searn	VIDAININIULINI. UPSIKEAWIFACE							
10	Slope Protection	None observed.							
12	Sinkhole Animal Burrow	None observed	\square						
12	Emb - Abut Contact	Good contact no separation observed	\square	╞┝┥					
14	Errosion	None observed	\square						
14	Vegetation Condition	See comment below							
15	Vegetation Condition	See comment below.	⊢						
17									
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DEP DAM NO.: 47-009

DATE: 6/17/16

ITEM	CONDITION	COMMENTS		IVESTIGATE	REPAIR				
	EMBANKMENT: DOWNSTREAM FACE								
18	Wet Area(s) (No Flow)	None observed.							
19	Seepage	See comment below.		\square					
20	Slide, Slough, Scarp	None observed.							
21	Emb Abut. Contact Good contact, no separation observed.								
22	Sinkhole, Animal Burrow	See comment below.			\square				
23	Erosion	None observed.							
24	Unusual Movement	None observed.							
25	Vegetation Control	Well established.							
26									
Add	itional Comments:			•					
Item	19 – One seep was observed	at the approximate location shown on the attached figure. Clear w	vater	was					
obse	observed flowing. Iron oxidation was observed.								
Item burre	observed flowing. Iron oxidation was observed. Item 21 – One animal burrow was observed at the approximate location shown on the attached figure. Signs of burrow grouting were observed in this area and along the entire northwest downstream slope.								

EMBANKMENT: INSTRUMENTATION

28	Piezometers/Observ. Wells	See comment below.		
29	Staff Gauge and Recorder	Not observed.		
30	Weirs	None observed.		
31	Survey Monuments	None observed.		
32	Drains	See comment below.		
33	Low Flow Release	None observed.		
34	Frequency of Readings	Piezometers are measured on a monthly basis.		
35	Location of Records	See comment below.		
36				
37				

Additional Comments:

Items 28 & 35 – Piezometers are measured regularly.

Item 32 – The seepage collection system was operating and water was being discharged into the basin.

DEP DAM NO.: 47-009

DATE: 6/17/16

ITEM	CONDITION	COMMENTS		IVESTIGATE	REPAIR
		DOWNSTREAM AREA			
38	Abutment Leakage	None observed.			
39	Foundation Seepage	See comment below.			
40	Slide, Slough, Scarp	None observed.			
41	Drainage System	None observed.			
42	Boils	None observed.			
43	Wet Areas	See comment below.			
44	Reservoir Slopes				
45	Access Roads				
46	Security Devices				
47	Act 91 Run-of-the-River				
47	Signs or Buoys				
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Additional Comments:

Item 39 – Seepage through the foundation is known to occur. Ponding water was observed along the toe of the downstream slope on the south side of the basin. Seepage was also observed entering a stormwater catch basin on the northern side of the basin. A seepage collection system is located along the northwestern toe of slope. This water is collected and pumped back into the basin.

Item 43 – The relatively flat area immediately downstream of the dike to the south of Subbasin C was wet. See attached figure for approximate location.

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ITEM	CONDITION	COMMENTS	MONTOR	IVESTIGATE	REPAIR
	SPILLWAYS	ERODABLE CHANNEL (See comment below	w)	•	
50	Slide, Slough, Scarp				
51	Erosion				
52	Vegetation Condition				
53	Debris				
54	Sidewalls				
55	Channel Floor				
56	Unusual Movement				
57	Approach Area				
58	Weir or Control				
59	Discharge Channel				
60	Boils				
61					
62					
63					
64					
	SPILLW	AYS: DROP INLET (See comment below)			
65	Intake Structure				
66	Trashrack				
67	Stilling Basin				
68					
69					
Inspe	tional Comments: ection of the primary spillwa	y is performed as part of the annual Basin 1 inspection.			

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ITEM	CONDITION	COMMENTS	MONTOR		IVESTIGATE	1	REPAIR
	OUTI	LET WORKS (See comment below)					
70	Intake Structure][
71	Trashrack						
72	Stilling Basin						
73	Primary Closure						
74	Secondary Closure						
75	Control Mechanism						
76	Outlet Pipe						
77	Outlet Tower					[
78	Outlet Structure][
79	Seepage][
80	Unusual Movement						
81	Intake Tower						
82	82						
Add	itional Comments:						
Insp	ection of the primary spillwa	y is performed as part of the annual Basin 1 inspection.					
	CONCRE	TE/MASONRY DAMS: UPSTREAM FACE (See comment below)					
83	Surface Conditions][
84	Condition of Joints					[
85	Unusual Movement						
86	Abutment-Dam Contacts] [
87							
88] [
Add	itional Comments:						
Basi	n 1 is an formed by an earthe	en embankment, not a concrete or masonry structure.					
	CONCRET	E/MASONRY DAMS: DOWNSTREAM FACE (See comment below)	£				
89	Surface Conditions			Π	\Box	Tſ	
90	Condition of Joints				一	ŤĪ	T
91	Unusual Movement			i t	一	Ť	╡
92	Abutment-Dam Contacts				Ē	ŤĪ	T
93	Drains				一	ŤĪ	T
94	Leakage			Ħ	Π	T	Ē
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MƏLI	CONDITION	COMMENTS	Montor	IVESTIGATE	REPAIR					
	CON	CRETE/MASONRY DAMS: CREST								
	(See comment below)									
97	Surface Conditions	Not applicable.								
98	Horizontal Alignment	Not applicable.								
99	Vertical Alignment	Not applicable.								
100	Condition of Joints	Not applicable.								
101	Unusual Movements	Not applicable.								
102										
103										
<u>Addi</u> Basir	itional Comments: n 1 was formed by an earther	n embankment, not a concrete or masonry structure.								
		RESERVOIR AREA								
104	Sedimentation									
105	Slope Stability									
106	Sinkholes									
107	Fractures									
108	Unwanted Growth									
109	Storage Gage									
110										
111										
Addi	itional Comments:									
Fin	al Comments:									

	DAM OWNERS NOTICE CHECKLIST Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Waterways Engineering Division of Dam Safety										
NA	ME OF DAM:	Montour SES Ash Ba	asin 1 DEP DAM NO.: 47-009)							
	This is to certify that both the Downstream Hazard Description is accurate and the Posted Notice locations listed below have been inspected and the following are the results of these inspections.										
1	alen Energy			_							
	Name of Dam Ow	ner Si	gnature of Dam Owner]	Date						
Th	is Dam Owners I	Notice Checklist is to ac	company the Inspection Checklist filed by the Eng	ineer	•						
		EMERG	ENCY ACTION PLAN								
Dat	e of Last Update	of Emergency Plan:									
	·	POSTED NO	FICES (Refer to section V.A in the EAP)	1							
ITEM	DATE INSPECTED	LOCATION	COMMENTS	Existing	MISSING	REPLACED					
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
Ade	Additional Comments (Refer to item number if applicable):										

APPENDIX D

RAPID DRAWDOWN ANALYSIS OUTPUT AND REFERENCES



Section 1-1 -- rapid drawdown.slim

EXCERPT FROM: ACOE ENGINEERING MANUAL EM 1110-2-1902 "SLOPE STABILITY" (October 2003)



US Army Corps of Engineers®

ENGINEERING AND DESIGN

Slope Stability

ENGINEER MANUAL

Table 3-1

Minimum Required Factors of Safety: New Earth and Rock-Fill Dams

Analysis Condition ¹	Required Minimum Factor of Safety	Slope		
End-of-Construction (including staged construction) ²	1.3	Upstream and Downstream		
Long-term (Steady seepage, maximum storage pool, spillway crest or top of gates)	1.5	Downstream		
Maximum surcharge pool ³	1.4	Downstream		
Rapid drawdown	1.1-1.3 ^{4,5}	Upstream		

¹ For earthquake loading, see ER 1110-2-1806 for guidance. An Engineer Circular, "Dynamic Analysis of Embankment Dams," is still in preparation.

² For embankments over 50 feet high on soft foundations and for embankments that will be subjected to pool loading during construction, a higher minimum end-of-construction factor of safety may be appropriate.

³ Pool thrust from maximum surcharge level. Pore pressures are usually taken as those developed under steady-state seepage at maximum storage pool. However, for pervious foundations with no positive cutoff steady-state seepage may develop under maximum surcharge pool.

⁴ Factor of safety (FS) to be used with improved method of analysis described in Appendix G.

 5 FS = 1.1 applies to drawdown from maximum surcharge pool; FS = 1.3 applies to drawdown from maximum storage pool. For dams used in pump storage schemes or similar applications where rapid drawdown is a routine operating condition, higher factors of safety, e.g., 1.4-1.5, are appropriate. If consequences of an upstream failure are great, such as blockage of the outlet works resulting in a potential catastrophic failure, higher factors of safety should be considered.

(1) During construction of embankments, materials should be examined to ensure that they are consistent with the materials on which the design was based. Records of compaction, moisture, and density for fill materials should be compared with the compaction conditions on which the undrained shear strengths used in stability analyses were based.

(2) Particular attention should be given to determining if field compaction moisture contents of cohesive materials are significantly higher or dry unit weights are significantly lower than values on which design strengths were based. If so, undrained (UU, Q) shear strengths may be lower than the values used for design, and end-of-construction stability should be reevaluated. Undisturbed samples of cohesive materials should be taken during construction and unconsolidated-undrained (UU, Q) tests should be performed to verify end-of-construction stability.

d. Pore water pressure. Seepage analyses (flow nets or numerical analyses) should be performed to estimate pore water pressures for use in long-term stability computations. During operation of the reservoir, especially during initial filling and as each new record pool is experienced, an appropriate monitoring and evaluation program must be carried out. This is imperative to identify unexpected seepage conditions, abnormally high piezometric levels, and unexpected deformations or rates of deformations. As the reservoir is brought up and as higher pools are experienced, trends of piezometric levels versus reservoir stage can be used to project piezometric levels for maximum storage and maximum surcharge pool levels. This allows comparison of anticipated actual performance to the piezometric levels assumed during original design studies and analysis. These projections provide a firm basis to assess the stability of the downstream slope of the dam for future maximum loading conditions. If this process indicates that pore water pressures will be higher than those used in design stability analyses, additional analyses should be performed to verify long-term stability.

e. Loads on slopes. Loads imposed on slopes, such as those resulting from structures, vehicles, stored materials, etc. should be accounted for in stability analyses.

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MONTOUR SES LAKE CHILLASQUAQUE DAMBREAK STUDY

1. Description of Dam

The dam is a 54' high by 2,000 feet long earthfill structure built in 1971 to impound a make-up water supply for PP&L's Montour Steam Electric Station. The crest elevation is 605.0 feet. The maximum reservoir volume is 4,400 acre-feet. The outlet facilities for normal operation include an 8-inch bypass valve, an 18-inch Howell-Bunger valve and a 36-inch sluice gate. There is a 750-foot long emergency spillway channel with outlet crest at elevation 600 feet.

Normal operating level of the lake is elevation 595 feet. Lake level operating limit is elevation 596.5 to 596.7 feet, per agreement with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. The lake is used as a plant water supply only when there is low flow in the Susquehanna River or when the river intake pumps are out of service.

The dam can be located on the Washingtonville quadrangle of the USGS topographic map 7.5minute series for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PP&L owns the dam and regularly inspects it under its inspection program.

2. Description of Watershed

The study area is comprised of the Chillasquaque Creek watershed located primarily in Montour County, Pennsylvania. The watershed is a 112 square mile rural area draining to the west branch of the Susquehanna River. The upper reaches of Chillasquaque Creek include a west, middle and east branch. Lake Chillasquaque is a 185-acre man-made impoundment located on the middle branch.

On its journey to the Susquehanna, the Chillasquaque Creek passes PP&L's Montour power station and the towns of Washingtonville, Pottsgrove, and Chillasquaque. The portion of creek that serves as the receiving stream for Lake Chillasquaque travels 19.6 miles and passes under 20 bridges including the Interstate 80 bridge. In addition to the east and west branches in the upper watershed, two other major tributaries join the creek further downstream: Mud Creek, at the town of Washingtonville, and Beaver Run, just south of Pottsgrove.

The watershed is comprised of a mixture of gently rolling rural terrain and a few mountain ridges. Most of its soils are classified as hydrologic soil type "C".

3. Stream Hydraulics and Controls

The receiving channel has a channel slope ranging from 20 feet per mile (fpm) in the upper reaches to 2 ½ fpm further downstream, with an average of 6 fpm. The entire stream slope is subcritical. The downstream control is the Susquehanna River level.

Aside from the overall channel size, the appearance of the stream is fairly consistent over its entire length: a defined rocky earthen channel with moderately vegetated overbanks. Manning's

n-values used in the program range from .030 for the main channel to .040- .050 for the overbanks.

4. Approach to Modeling

Streamflow and water surface profiles through the above-described stream network are computed for "with-break" and "without break" conditions for the PMF, 100-year and sunny day background conditions. The modeling program used is the National Weather Service DAMBRK computer program. Modeling "Option 12" is the selected option: simultaneous dynamic computation for multiple dams and/or bridges.

A runoff hydrograph for the lake's inflow is computed using the "Pondpack" program. The SCS dimensionless unit hydrograph method, utilizing watershed CN runoff coefficients, times of concentration, and appropriate rainfall amounts is the selected hydrologic option. The highest expected normal lake level (596.7) is used as the starting lake level.

Runoff hydrographs for five additional subwatersheds are computed using Pondpack and introduced to the main creek channel as lateral inflows. For the sunny day condition, only nominal average flows are considered throughout the stream network.

The 20 bridges were examined during field inspections. Seven of the more significant bridge contractions were selected for modeling in the DAMBRK program and are included in all of the runs.

The downstream control of Chillasquaque Creek is taken as the Susquehanna River level at 10year flood stage.

5. Breach Characteristics

In all cases a 100' wide breach with 1H:2V side slopes is the assumed failure shape in the 2,000ft long earthen embankment. Average breach width is 126 ft., or 2.33 times the height of the dam. The trigger elevation for the breach is the highest pond elevation computed during the "without breach" modeling runs. Time of complete breach formation is taken as 45 minutes in all cases. The breach is assumed to progress down to El. 560, which is the bottom of the dam.

6. Discussion of Results

Water surface elevations and stream flows computed for the respective "break" and "no break" conditions are summarized on the attached charts.

As expected, the "with break" flows for the PMF background condition produce the highest overall water surface elevations. Immediately downstream of the Lake Chillasquaque dam, the additional flood surge resulting from the PMF dambreak amounts to 70,000 cfs and a 7 ft. rise in stream level. The surge quickly attenuates to a $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " rise in stream level at Washingtonville and a little more than a 1" rise at Pottsgrove. At the mouth of the Chillasquaque, the flow surge from this dambreak decreases to approximately 10,000 cfs.

The time to peak flow at downstream locations, as measured from the beginning of the dam break formation for the PMF background condition, is as follows:

Location	Time (hh:mm)				
Montour power plant	1:19				
Washingtonville, Rt. 54	2:13				
Route 180	3:56				
Chillasquaque village, Rt. 147	6:34				
Susquehanna River	7:17				

For the 100-year and sunny day background conditions, the overall dambreak flood levels are less than those for the PMF background condition, but the amount of water level rise due to the dambreak is greater than for the PMF background condition. For all three background conditions, the amount of water level rise due to the dambreak dissipates to less than one foot between the towns of Pottsgrove and Chillasquaque.

7. Effect on Population

The attached map delineates the inundated area for the PMF background condition superimposed with the dambreak flood surge.

PP&L has several buildings immediately downstream of the dam. These would be severely flooded. The Montour power station is outside of the flood zone.

Low-lying portions of the town of Washingtonville would be covered with slightly greater than an additional foot of water as a result of the dambreak.

Approximately 1/3 of the town of Pottsgrove would be covered with an additional foot of water.

Low-lying portions of the town of Chillasquaque would see an additional few inches of water as a result of the dambreak.

Most of the bridge decks crossing Chillasquaque Creek would be flooded under PMF conditions even without a dambreak. With a PMF dambreak, only two additional bridge decks (immediately downstream of the lake) would be flooded. For the 100-year flood background condition, seven of the bridge decks (in the upper watershed) would be flooded due to the dambreak whereas none is flooded with no dambreak. For sunny day background condition, none of the bridge decks is flooded with or without a dambreak. A table of flood levels for each of the 20 bridge decks is included in the report.

8. Conclusion

It is proposed to use the PMF plus dambreak flooding levels as the basis in preparing the inundation map for the Lake Chillasquaque dambreak emergency action plan.

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