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NDDWR Reminds Owners to Monitor Dams

With spring flooding occurring in portions of the state and severe storms expected to impact eastern North Dakota today, the North Dakota Department of Water Resources (DWR) is reminding all dam owners to monitor the condition of their dams and ensure spillways and outlets are not clogged.

Dams also should be monitored during and after rainfall to check for any damage or unusual conditions that might exist. Dam owners are asked to report any damage or safety concerns to the Water Resources and their local emergency managers to identify or request any assistance they might need.

“It is important for dams to have an updated Emergency Action Plan (EAP). EAPs identify potential dam emergency situations and specify the necessary course of action,” said Andrea Travnicek, Water Resources director. “The recent [National Guard missions](#) have shown the importance of EAP development and having them updated and available. The whole-of-government response was carried out rapidly and comprehensively because an EAP was in place.”

Up-to-date EAPs are required for dams classified as medium or high hazard. Cost-share funding assistance from the State Water Commission of up to 80 percent of eligible costs is available to assist dam owners of medium and high hazard dams with developing EAPs.

Water Resources will set dates for an educational workshop for dam owners later this summer. To report any damage or safety concerns regarding dams, contact Karen Goff at kgoff@nd.gov or 701.328.4953. For more information and updates, visit the Water Resources website at www.dwr.nd.gov.

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