

Association of State Dam Safety Officials

Resolution No. 3-91

Flood Insurance Studies with Delineation of Dam Breach Inundation

WHEREAS, Many of the 80,000 non-federal dams supervised by members of this association pose an existent threat to lives and/or property downstream should they fail; and

WHEREAS, There is a need to make the general public aware of the potential for loss of life and property which could result from dam failures; and

WHEREAS, State and local emergency management agencies are responsible for assisting in the development of emergency action plans (EAPs) to aid in the protection of life and property; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) is responsible for providing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for local units of government; and

WHEREAS, Mapping the delineation of dam failure floods would provide needed information to emergency managers and local regulators to assist in the development of EAPs; and

WHEREAS, The Association of State Floodplain Managers adopted a similar resolution at their Board of Director's Meeting held on June 13, 1990;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

By the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (A.S.D.S.O.), meeting in National Conference in San Diego this first day of October, 1991, that A.S.D.S.O. unanimously urges;

That the Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) should require as part of all new or revised Flood Insurance Studies (FIS), the determination of the area inundated by any dam whose failure could affect the study area and the delineation of the inundation area on all new or revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs); and

That F.E.M.A. should encourage state and local emergency management agencies, through F.E.M.A. grant programs, to develop the necessary E.A.P.S for flooding as a result of dam failures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to the President.

Adopted: October 1, 1991

Dan R. Lawrence, ASDSO President