

## **Utilizing CEM Planner for Pennsylvania Dam Safety EAPs**

In an effort to keep Dam Emergency Action Plans (EAP) current, accessible, and ready for implementation, DEP will be moving to an electronic based EAP submission process. The Commonwealth will be utilizing the Comprehensive Emergency Management Planner (CEMPlanner) on-line planning tool developed by Previstar, which is a continual preparedness system for planning and emergency response. Transitioning to an electronic submission format for Dam EAPs will minimize the plan preparation time and financial burden to dam owners and operators. CEMPlanner is currently being utilized as the primary emergency planning tool for PEMA. The system has been adopted by a majority of county Emergency Management Agencies (EMA), and users at the county and municipal levels throughout the Commonwealth continues to grow. Having the State connected on one system with a central location for all emergency response plans, including Dam EAPs, will enable an effectual response during an emergency at all levels of government. The implementation of CEMPlanner will phase out the existing paper submission, revision, and approval process for Dam EAPs. CEMPlanner will streamline the revision and approval process for EAPs by allowing everyone involved in the process, including owners, DEP, PEMA, and county EMAs, access to the electronic file in one location. This streamlined process will save time and money, by eliminating the cost of printing and mailing multiple revisions of the plan throughout the approval process.

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