

October 13, 1983

William Bivins, Chief, Federal Dam Safety
Office of Mitigation and Research
Federal Emergency Management Agency
15 Premier Building, 1725 I Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20472

Re: Invitation for participation at Alaska Water Resources Board.

Dear Mr. Bivins:

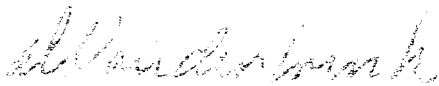
This is an invitation to make a presentation on dam safety at the Alaska Water Resources Board's biannual meeting in Juneau, Alaska, tentatively scheduled for March 13 and 14, 1984. This meeting time and location coincides with legislative activities. I feel that a presentation from you concerning the Federal government's role in dam safety, and how Alaska "fits in", would be most timely and beneficial to our Water Board members and legislators.

Efforts undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources to provide exposure to the program include the regulation of dam construction and modification, dam inventory, and the development of a status report on Alaska's dam safety program to our legislators. Enclosed is a resolution from the Alaska Water Resources Board at its most recent meeting acknowledging its desire to achieve a viable dam safety program in this state. Governor Sheffield has also demonstrated interest in dam safety by way of letters to our Washington delegation soliciting support and passage of Senate Bill 671.

Upon receipt of your acceptance to our invitation, we will initiate and develop an itinerary for meetings with the Governor, key officials and legislators charged with public safety, if your schedule will allow it.

Please contact either myself, Larry Dutton or Bruce Stafford of the Water Management staff at the above address if you have any questions or require additional information. I look forward to your positive reply and attendance.

Sincerely,



Dave Vanderbrink, Chairman

Enclosure

cc: Esther C. Wunnicke, Commissioner, DNR
William H. Mayer, Regional Director

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