

WAC 173-175-520 Emergency action plans. (1) In those cases where a failure of the dam could pose a threat to life (downstream hazard classes 1A, 1B, 1C, and 2), the owner shall develop and maintain an emergency action plan (EAP) acceptable to the department.

(a) The EAP shall describe procedures for responding to unusual or emergency situations and procedures for detecting, evaluating, communicating, and initiating notification or warning of individuals who may be at risk in downstream and upstream areas. Information on the development of an EAP is contained within the department's *Dam Safety Guidelines*.

(b) It shall be the duty and responsibility of the owner to implement the EAP when conditions warrant and to follow the method and schedule contained within the EAP.

(c) Owners are required to coordinate the development of the EAP with representatives from the local emergency services staff, state department of community development, emergency management division, and appropriate local authorities.

(d) Copies of the completed EAP must be provided to the state emergency management division, local emergency services office, and to the department.

(2) Any proposed changes to the EAP which could have an affect on public or project safety must be submitted to the department for review and acceptance before implementation.

(3) Owners are required to exercise components of the EAP as needed to confirm the viability of the plan.

(4) The department will coordinate and solicit review comments from the local emergency services office and the state emergency management division on the acceptability of proposed EAPs. Those comments will constitute the primary basis for accepting or requesting modifications to a proposed EAP.

(5) The EAP must be updated within one hundred eighty days after a periodic inspection has been completed by the department.

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