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INTERPRETIVE OR POLICY STATEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
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Notice of Interpretive and Policy Statements

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New Statements:

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Dam Safety	https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/2611107.html

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Designation of state dam safety office	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5101.pdf
Applicability of dam safety policies and procedures	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5102.pdf
Applicability of policies to dams which are federally owned	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5103.pdf
Applicability of policies to non-federal dams which are licensed or exempted for hydropower by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5104.pdf
Exemption of dams which are six feet or less in height	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5105.pdf
Multiple small dams in series	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5106.pdf
Issuance of construction permit	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5201.pdf
Engineering approval of construction plans and specifications	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5202.pdf
Plan review requirements for construction change orders	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5204.pdf
Review of construction plans and specifications received after project construction	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5205.pdf
SEPA compliance as related to issuance of construction permit	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5206.pdf
Inspection of construction work	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5301.pdf
Construction inspection plans by dam owners	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5302.pdf
Periodic inspection of existing dams - Federal Dams	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5401.pdf
Periodic inspection of existing dams - hydropower dams licensed or exempted by FERC	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5402.pdf
Periodic inspection of existing dams - Ecology sole regulatory agency	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5403.pdf

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Frequency of periodic inspections	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5404.pdf
Dams constructed without prior DSO approval of plans and specifications (recent construction)	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5405.pdf
"Older" dams which were constructed many years ago without DSO approval of plans and specifications	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5406.pdf
Periodic inspections of metals mining tailings impoundments	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5407.pdf
Operation and maintenance manuals and emergency action plans	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5601.pdf
Emergency spillway requirements at off-channel storage facilities	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5602.pdf
Emergency response procedures by dam safety section	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5701.pdf
Discretionary actions during emergency or exigency situations	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5702.pdf
Coordination with Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Program	https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/wrdocs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol5801.pdf
Consumptive and Non-consumptive Water Use	https://appswr.ecology.wa.gov/docs/WaterRights/wrwebpdf/pol1020.pdf