

567—73.20(109,455B) Scope and purposes of dam safety inspection program.

73.20(1) *Scope of dam safety inspection program.* Dams subject to inspection under these rules are all dams which exceed the thresholds in rule 567—71.3(455B) and certain preexisting dams as described in 73.21(3). The scope of department staff field inspections normally is limited to visually observable features of dams and their appurtenant structures.

73.20(2) *Purposes of dam safety inspection program.* The general purposes of inspections are as follows: to evaluate the construction, operation, and maintenance of dams; to identify observable deficiencies in dams or appurtenant structures; and to identify other flood plain structures or uses which may affect the hazard class of a dam or use of an associated impoundment. Inspection reports will be used by the department in determining whether a proposed dam project complies with applicable criteria, and to determine whether the following conditions exist:

- a. A permit violation;
- b. A violation of law which requires that a permit be obtained;
- c. A condition which constitutes a public nuisance by causing unacceptable risk of injury to the public health, safety or welfare.