

567—73.11(455B) Water storage permits.

73.11(1) A water storage permit shall be required for all regulated dams in order to legally impound water. No water shall be impounded by a dam or reservoir prior to issuance of a water storage permit.

73.11(2) Application for a dam construction permit shall constitute application for a water storage permit if the appropriate fee (as stated in 567—subrule 50.4(2)) is received with the application.

73.11(3) A water storage permit shall be issued upon a finding by the department that the dam and reservoir are safe to impound water within the conditions prescribed in the dam construction permit and the project meets the following conditions:

a. The proposed storage is for a specified beneficial use such as human or livestock water supply, flood control, water quality, recreation, aesthetic value, erosion control, or low-flow augmentation.

b. The impounding structure can be operated in a manner that will not adversely affect any applicable protected flow in the impounded stream. Protected flows are listed in 567—Chapter 52.

c. For high hazard and significant hazard dams, the water storage permit will not be issued until as-built plans and a construction report have been submitted documenting that the dam has been constructed in general conformance with the approved plans and conditions of the dam construction permit and until the department has conducted an inspection of the dam.

73.11(4) A water storage permit may be modified, canceled, or suspended pursuant to Iowa Code section 455B.271. Conditions of cancellation or suspension of water storage permits shall include draining the lake with any available low-level drain and may include dewatering with other methods or breaching of the dam.

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