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General Discussion on What we Received in ODSP Submittals

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Basic Principles of a Good ODSP

Acknowledgment of Dam Safety Responsibilities

Communication

Clear Designation of Responsibility

Allocation of Resources to Dam Safety

Learning Organization



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Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)

Positive Comments - Industry

Helped to Raise the Profile and Visibility of Licensee's Dam Safety Program

Increased the understanding of Senior Executives on Dam Safety and the Risk they hold as dam owners

Highlighted the Need to Have Knowledgeable Dam Safety Engineers in the Organization

Caused Licensees to Seriously Plan For Succession Planning



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Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)

Negative Comments -Regulator

**Chief Dam Safety Engineer Responsibilities and Qualifications
Not Well Defined**

Poor Dam Safety Training Plan

**Meeting FERC requirements should not be the primary judgment
that a Licensee has a good ODSP**

**Silent on requirement of CDSE to report to senior management
the status of overall inventory of dams and associate dam safety
issues on a periodic basis**

No backup plan if CDSE is not available to carry out duties



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Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)

Positive/Negative Comments

Some of the Licensees that Submitted Well Written ODSP's Do Not Have The Best Executed Dam Safety Programs

Some of the Licensees That Submitted Poorly Written ODSP's Have Some of the Best Dam Safety Programs



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Owner's Dam Safety Program (ODSP)

Summary

- In general, submittals have been high-quality, demonstrating importance that many owners have placed on the effort