

## North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources Land Quality Section

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March 11, 2014

## **Notice of Inspection**

Duke Energy

ATTN: Ms. Kimberlee Hutchinson 526 South Church Street ECI-013 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

RE:

H.F. Lee Active Ash Pond Dam

Wayne-022 High County: Wayne River Basin: Neuse

Dear Sir or Madam:

The "Dam Safety Law of 1967, as amended" provides for the certification and inspection of dams in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, in order to reduce the risk of failure of such dams; to prevent injuries to persons, damage to property, and to insure the maintenance of stream flows.

Our records indicate you are the owner of the referenced dam, which was inspected by personnel of the Land Quality Section on February 25, 2013. This inspection found no apparent problems with the dam.

During this inspection we also investigated the potential for property damage and loss of life in the event your dam fails. This investigation determined that failure of your dam could result in severe property damage and/or possible loss of life downstream. Therefore, we are listing your dam in the "High Hazard" category.

As a reminder, the Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land Resources must approve any excavation, modification, or major repair of the dam. Draining the lake by cutting a notch in the dam, or otherwise breaching the dam, without prior approval, is a violation of State Law.

The "Dam Operation Maintenance and Inspection" manual published by this Department provides inspection guidelines and recommended routine dam maintenance for the owner and emergency procedures in the event of possible dam failure. A copy of this manual is available online at http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/lr/dams.

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Although we make every reasonable effort to determine the safety of your dam, our resources limit us to a visual inspection. We hope that you will use the information provided in this letter as you fulfill your obligation to safely maintain and operate your dam. Dams are constantly changing, their spillways and conduits deteriorate and the dam itself is under constant pressure. Therefore, you should keep a close watch on your dam and notify us if you detect any changes, especially cracks, ground movements, or changes in seepage rate or color.

In the event that a possible problem is found, you should contact a registered professional engineer and this office to inspect the dam. To assist us in keeping our records up-to-date so we may serve you better, please notify us concerning any changes in ownership or contact information. Your cooperation in this effort is greatly appreciated.

If you have an emergency situation during non-office hours, you should notify the Division of Emergency Management's State Warning Point at 1-800-662-7956. They will notify the appropriate personnel in this office of the situation. Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, please contact me at (252) 946-6481 during normal office hours.

Sincerely.

Patrick H. McClain, PE

Regional Engineer

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Mr. Steve McEvoy, PE, State Dam Safety Engineer cc:

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## DAM SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT

Name	County	County		Inspected By			Date			
H.F. Lee Active Ash Pond Dam			022	G. Novak	/P. McClain/	2/25/2014				
Owner	Addr	Address Phone No.								
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		harlotte, NC 28202								
Type of Dam Concrete Gravity Concrete Arch Other			ype of Inspe		Initial	Site Condition	==			
⊠Embankment			Follow up Periodic Other Dry Snow Cover Othe							
Hazard Description			Condition Assessment Hazard Class							
Water Quality degradation from coal ash in event of dike			Satisfactory							
failure			Not rated							
Remarks			Action		Recommend	lations				
w/ Rick Miller & Max Gardner, pond is not		None		Inspection		nspection by DSE				
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riser-both areas. No discharge from pond		ver	! ==	Repair	= =		Periodic reinspection			
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10. Sparse rip rap	1 <b>C</b> 1									
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AREA	PR	OBLEMS				COMMENTS		
ABUTMENT CONTACTS	□ 1. None     □ 2. Trees     □ 3. High bushes     □ 4. Burrows     □ 5. Erosion     □ 6. Livestock damage     □ 7. Slides     □ 8. Depressions     □ 9. Bulges     □ 10. Wetness	☐ 11. Seepage ☐ 12. Boils ☐ 13. Cracks ☐ 14. Holes ☐ 15. Spalling ☐ 16. Displaced joints ☐ 17. Deteriorated joints ☐ 18. Exposed reinforcement ☐ 19. Undermining ☐ 20. Other ☐ 11. Joint displacement	no abut		cure dik	ap Concrete c		
PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY	2. No trashguard 2. No trashguard 3. Obstructed 4. Plugged 5. Rusted 6. Damaged 7. Gates leaking 8. Joints leaking 9. Cracks	☐ 12. Undermined ☐ 13. Voids ☐ 14. Erosion ☐ 15. Holes ☐ 16. Conduit collapsed ☐ 17. Spalling ☐ 18. Outlet undercutting ☐ 19. Misalignment		arge observed				
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	⊠1. None		TYPE: co	ncrete 18"				
DRAINS / OTHER CUTLETS	□ 1. None     □ 2. No bottom drain     □ 3. Bottom drain inoper     □ 4. Subsurface drain dry     □ 5. Subsurface drain mu     □ 6. Subsurface drain obs     □ 7. No animal guard     □ 8. Other	<i>i</i> Iddy flow						
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