

# OWNER'S INSPECTION CHECKLIST

*NOTE: PRIOR TO COMPLETING THIS INSPECTION REPORT PLEASE REVIEW THE "GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTION OF DAMS" AVAILABLE ON THE MDEQ WEBSITE. ALSO, TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE YOU MUST INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DAM AND ALL APPURTENANT STRUCTURES WITH THE INSPECTION REPORT.*

**DAM NAME:** Oktibbeha County Lake Dam

**DAM INVENTORY NO:** MS00338  
**HAZARD CLASS:** High

**COUNTY:** Oktibbeha County

**LEGAL OWNER** (include address, telephone number, and e-mail):

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**DATE OF INSPECTION:** Inspection completed on June 18, 2024. All photos included were taken during this site visit.

## RESERVOIR INFORMATION

**Normal Reservoir Elevation (ft):** low level outlet; survey elevation of 242.9.

**Reservoir Elevation at time of inspection (ft):** reservoir remaining is less than 50 acres at several feet below the current normal pool.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS** (including recent rainfall): 73°F and cloudy

## PERSONNEL CONDUCTING INSPECTION:

Scott Taylor, PE WSP  
Nikit Bhattari, WSP  
Dana Waits, WSP  
Christian Sims, WSP

**PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS** (date of)

**Last Owner's Inspection:** November 14, 2023 (December 14, 2023, Date of Report)

**Last Formal (done by a licensed engineer) Inspection:** February 25, 2016

**EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

**Date of Last Approved Plan (when the plan was last distributed to the EAP holders):**

March 18, 2019

**Date of Last Revision:** March 18, 2019

**Is the notification flowchart complete and current?** The owner should update since the last revision

**Is the downstream residents list current?** The owner should update since the last revision.

**When was the plan last tested?** The Owner's inspection checklist dated December 17, 2020, reported activation of EAP January 14, 2020.

**DAM CREST**

Problems:

- None  Ruts or Puddles  Erosion  Cracks with Displacement  Sinkholes  Not Wide Enough  Low Area  Misalignment  Inadequate Surface Drainage  Trees, Brush, Briars  
 Other: Settlement of Conduit

**If Trees, Brush, Briars is checked above please describe the nature and extent of vegetation on the dam?**

**Overall Summary of Condition:**

The condition of the surface material was found to be in decent shape. The area above the primary spillway (12'x13' box culvert) had experienced some sinkholes caused by the settlement/shifting of the box culvert, causing gaps in the joints of the box culvert. These gaps had caused some water intrusion/soil loss above the culvert. These gaps have since been repaired with expanding foam that was holding up at time of inspection.

**Comments:**

**UPSTREAM FACE OF DAM**

Problems:

- None  Riprap - Missing, Sparse, Displaced, Weathered  Wave Erosion-with Scarps
- Cracks-with Displacement  Sinkhole  Appears Too Steep  Depressions or Bulges
- Slides  Animal Burrows  Trees, Brush, Briars
- Other:

If Trees, Brush, Briars is checked above please describe the nature and extent of vegetation on the dam?

**Overall Summary of Condition:**

Some areas of the US Face have steep slopes and sparse rip rap. Thicker brush on north end. Tree saplings should be removed.

**Comments:**

Seemed to be potential for erosion.  
Additional rip-rap should be placed on slope. Saplings should be removed.

**DOWNSTREAM FACE OF DAM**

Problems:

- None  Livestock Damage  Erosion or Gullies  Cracks with Displacement
- Sinkholes  Appears too Steep  Depression or Bulges  Slide(s)  Soft Areas
- Trees, Brush, Briars on dam or within 50 feet of toe  Animal Burrows
- Other:

**If Trees, Brush, Briars is checked above please describe the nature and extent of vegetation on the dam and/or near the toe?**

**Any new seepage areas (Yes / No?):** N/A. Can't currently evaluate seepage with current condition of dam. No water is on dam since dam is functioning as a dry dam in current state.

**Any previously existing seepage areas where seepage has noticeably increased (Yes / No?):** No

**Any seepage that is muddy, milky, or turbid (Yes / No?):** No

**Any sand boils present at, or near the toe (Yes / No?):** No

**Overall Summary of Condition:**

Significant erosion and slides observed right of primary spillway for several hundred feet. Slope is approximately 1.5:1 which is too steep for stability.

**Comments:**

**UTILITIES**

**Utilities Installed in Embankment or Toe?**

Phone/Cable  Water  Electrical  Sewer  Gas

Overhead power lines on poles near toe of downstream dam slope.

**Does the location of all utilities appear on the as-built plans for the dam?**

No known as-built plans available

**PRINCIPAL SPILLWAY**

**Any debris blocking spillway (Yes / No?):**

No

**Overall condition of material (good condition, poor condition, exposed reinforcement, cracks, corrosion):**

Spalling, cracking, and scaling occurring. Exposed reinforcement. Corrosion present. Inlet obstructed. Primary spillway has been removed, thus removing permanent pool.

**Any joints displaced or separated (Yes / No?):**

Yes

**Evidence of water leaking into or out of spillway (water entering or exiting below entrance of spillway):**

N/A

#### **AUXILIARY (EMERGENCY) SPILLWAY**

**Any debris blocking spillway (Yes / No?):** 9 box culverts located above 100-year discharge level. No debris has reached spillway.

**Erosion present on or below spillway (Yes / No?):** Yes, cracks on north/downstream end

**Condition of spillway cover material:** Concrete in fair condition. Spillway above 100-year discharge elevation.

#### **OUTLET STRUCTURE AND EXIT CHANNEL**

**Condition of structure:** Due to safety concerns, official interior inspection of the riser structure has not been performed. The area above the primary spillway (12'x13' box culvert) had experienced some sinkholes caused by the settlement/shifting of the box culvert, causing gaps in the joints of the box culvert. These gaps had caused some water intrusion/soil loss above the culvert. These gaps have since been repaired with expanding foam that was holding up at time of inspection. Outlet invert and wingwalls appear to be in fair condition.

**Any erosion or undermining around outlet structure (Yes / No?):** Yes, bank erosion observed.

**Any seepage around outlet structure (Yes / No?):** None observed

**Exit channel clear of debris / vegetation (Yes / No?):** Channel mostly clear with minimal debris. Some erosion of plunge pool has occurred over the past 50 years.

#### **DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

**Are drain pipes plugged (Yes / No?):** N/A.

**Are drains discharging water or are they dry?** No toe drains on this dam.

**Is discharge clear or muddy?**

None.

**Does the location of all drainage systems/filters appear on the as-built plans for the dam?**

No as-built plans available. No filter drains/toe drains observed.

#### **GATES AND VALVES**

**Are gates, valves or stems broken or bent?** Gates/appurtenant structures have been mostly removed.

**Are gates, valves or stems corroded?** See above.

**Are gates, valves or stems not operational?** See above.

**Are gates, valves or stems leaking while closed?** See above.

#### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

**Is dam being operated and maintained in accordance with approved operation and maintenance manual?**

No. The lake during the inspection was drained thus the outflow facilities are not performing under normal operating conditions. Embankment appears to undergo periodic mowing.

#### **INSTRUMENTATION**

**If instruments are present and can be read by owner / operator, then give instrument description / number, instrument readings and date of readings and relation to normal readings:**

There are five (5) two-inch diameter open standpipe piezometers located adjacent to the downstream slope of the dam, along the west side of Perkins Road. The piezometers are not being monitored because of the lake has no permanent pool.

**SUMMARY**

**List any specific concerns with the dam that should be inspected during the next formal inspection:**

Continue to closely monitor the 12x13 conduit for joint separation and potential sinkholes.

**CERTIFICATION OF PERSONNEL CONDUCTING INSPECTION**

I certify that the above dam was personally inspected by me and the conditions described herein are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature  Date June 18, 2024



PHOTO 1—Upstream slope view from right side of dam

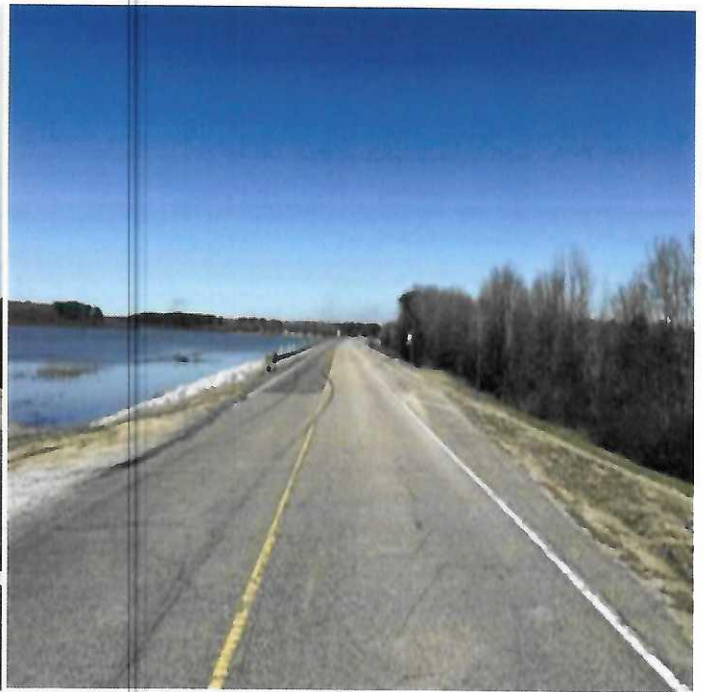


PHOTO 2—Dam crest view from right side of dam



PHOTO 3 —Downstream slope view from right side of dam



PHOTO 4—Primary spillway (note missing riser)



PHOTO 5—Upstream slope view from left side of dam



PHOTO 6—Dam crest view from left side of dam



PHOTO 7 —Downstream slope view from left side of dam  
(Utility lines visible and 3 of 5 piezometers)

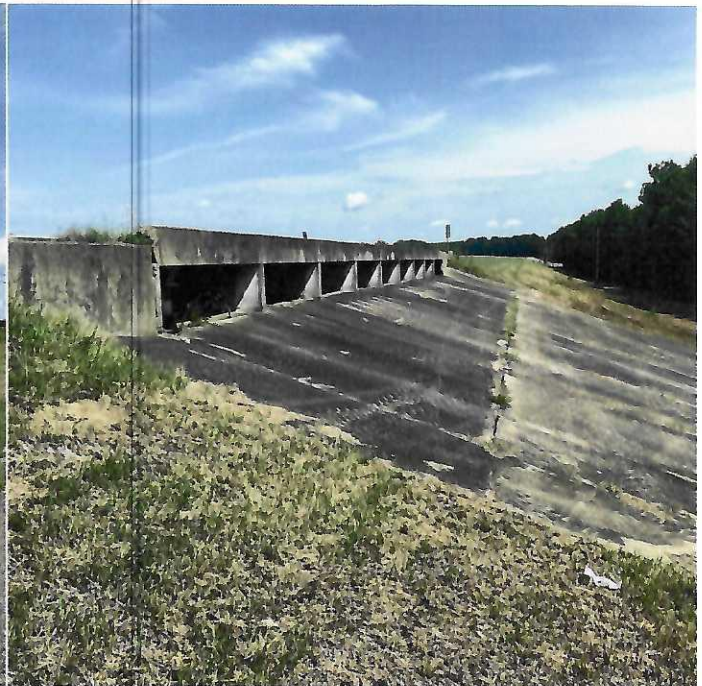


PHOTO 8—Auxiliary spillway view



PHOTO 9—Spillway outlet structures from front view



PHOTO 10—Exit channel view from end of outlet structures



PHOTO 11 — Area above primary spillway where sinkhole opened caused by joint separation



PHOTO 12— Saplings to be removed



PHOTO 13— Slide area along downstream right embankment



PHOTO 14— Bottom of auxiliary spillway



PHOTO 15 — Utility lines along Perkins Road



PHOTO 16— Structural damage at downstream left corner of auxiliary spillway