PERIODIC INSPECTION OF EXISTING DAMS - ECOLOGY SOLE REGULATORY AGENCY

POLICY STATEMENT

Periodic inspections of existing dams will be conducted on those dams where Ecology is the sole regulatory agency. The frequency of inspections will be based on policy POL 5404.

DISCUSSION:

Direct implementation of RCW 43.21A.064(2), which directs Ecology to inspect the construction and maintenance of all dams to assure safety to life and property.

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