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**Subject:** Re: Dam and Reservoir Safety Act - Proposed Revisions

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Who is communicating with DHEC? I know Michael Traynham which is likely why he sent this to me, but I haven't talked with them about this. Who is communicating to DHEC not to deliver this until we review it?

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On Nov 5, 2015, at 8:47 PM, "Patel, Swati" <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

We will need to brief the Governor on this package before DHEC delivers to legislators.

Holly and Josh - can you both analyze this please.

I suspect this will be controversial.

BTW - I happened to speak with Sen Campsen today on another topic and he is concerned about overreach with dam requirements. He also brought up possible amendments to a state Beach Control Act.

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On Nov 5, 2015, at 4:03 PM, Pisarik, Holly <HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov> wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Traynham, Michael" <traynhms@dhec.sc.gov>  
Date: November 5, 2015, 3:52:44 PM EST  
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Holly,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know we should be getting you a draft revision of the Dam and Reservoir Safety Act by tomorrow afternoon. I would be more than happy to go over it with you or anyone else in the Governor's office in as much or as little detail as needed. We have been asked to turn around our proposal to the statehouse by early next week for the approaching pre-filing deadline. Briefly, I wanted to touch on a few high points in the proposed revision:

1. A new proposed fee structure for dam related permits and annual registration to wholly or partially offset the cost of an expanded program, and substantially more detailed requirements for information required to obtain a permit.
2. Increased owner responsibility, including annual maintenance and inspection requirements, periodic "detailed inspection" requirements (to be performed by a professional engineer), and an annual update requirement for emergency action plans.
3. Financial assurance requirements to insure that owners of all high and significant hazard dams maintain the financial ability to safely remove the dam should it become necessary to protect life or property.
4. Expanded civil and criminal penalty provisions to make the Dam Act consistent with the Pollution Control Act.

As I said, we should have the draft to you by tomorrow afternoon. If you'd like to discuss it, feel free to give me a call. My cell phone is (803)730-1780.

Kindest Regards,

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