



Thursday, March 20, 2025

Subject: Yesterday's South Lake High Hazard Dam #MS00067

To: Jim Huestis, Director Tate County EMA / CC: Leigh Ann Darby, District 1 Supervisor

Please accept this letter to inform you that the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) that you have on file for the above referenced High Hazard Dam has been updated to Revision 5 dated March 20th, 2025.

It is available for viewing, downloading and printing at: <https://friendofthelake.com/MS00067-Rev5-EAP-032025.pdf>

Please note that the approval signature pages were contained in your previously supplied copy and the signature pages with original signatures are on file with the master copy I have.

Since we have yet to speak or meet, I would also be remiss if I did not mention the most unfortunate situation Tate County has put us in since the inception of Yesterday's South Subdivision in case you are not aware.

Tate County allowed this dam to be built without the proper permits, documentation or inspections as required by Mississippi law and due to the fact that if it breaches there is the possibility of loss of life and property, MDEQ rated it "High Hazard".

The dam is clearly mentioned on the subdivision plans on file at the courthouse that were signed off by the Developer, the Planning Commission President, the Board of Supervisors President, the Chancery Clerk, the County Engineer and a Certified Engineer -- yet no one thought to ensure that the law was being followed or even think that a High Hazard levee can be built, in the middle of a subdivision, without a stitch of documentation or analysis or inspection or disclosure?

For over a decade now, Tate County EMA has **IGNORED ALL REQUESTS** for assistance (as has Tate County Government as well) and has never "checked-in" on the dam even when we've had record-breaking rain falls, nor have they ever completed the annual run-through drill as required by the Emergency Action Plan.

My last contact with Tate County was July of 2023, when I spoke with Cole Massie and Cliff O'Conner (then District #1 Supervisor) and thought moving forward, Tate County would meet their regulatory requirements and the lines of communication would finally improve. **I never heard from either again.**

For a complete timeline of this most unfortunate situation, as well as details of my attempts to have Tate County meet their obligations, please visit:

<https://friendofthelake.com>

If you have any questions at all or would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me at 662.562.7879.

Regards,

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