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Subject: Yesterday's South Lake Dam #MS00067

Mr. Patton:

I received your letter dated September 7th, 2023 requesting an “action plan” regarding current ‘deficiencies’ with the above referenced dam.

First, you sent the letter to the old owner of 138 Waverly Circle even though I specifically notified you of the ownership change in my correspondence of April 22, 2022 and again on March 27th, 2023.

Second, as stated in the March correspondence, I believe this may be the last year for the inspection as you will probably have to move forward with draining the lake as nothing has changed since my letter to Mr. William McKercher dated Thursday, June 25, 2020 (see attached) and here we are 3 years later.

It is not my responsibility to force compliance or financial responsibility on those who own the lake, front & top of the dam and the remaining portion of the downstream. I have begged MDEQ for help for years (heck, see my letter to you last year that is attached for your reference). I have repeatedly tried to get Tate County to help or at the least get Tate County EMA to uphold their responsibilities with regard to the EAP, which has been completely futile. Crazy that the county can build an unpermitted high hazard dam in the middle of a subdivision with absolutely no disclosure to those purchasing homes here and then, when someone like me tries to do the right thing – to the point of financial ruin – the County blows off their responsibilities and I am threatened by MDEQ with fines of \$25,000 a day. It seems you are unable to make the distinction between me, who has carried this burden for over a decade, and all of the other owning entities who have done absolutely nothing.

Case in point.... Have you received a response from anyone else regarding your September 7th letter? I thought not.

Government (at all levels) should exist to help citizens, and as a Veteran it pains me to say, this situation has proved the total opposite.

EVERYTHING you have on file for this dam has originated from me. I no longer have the resources (or the will for that matter) to continue being solely responsible – both from a regulatory and financial stand point -- when it has become evident, that as a community, no one else cares about the lake even though folks are allowed to continue to fish and boat without any skin in the game whatsoever.

I even tried again last year delivering a letter to every household (see attached), only to receive 2 responses.... both negative.

To back up my claims, please feel free to visit <https://yesterdayssouth.com/>.

Bottom line -- I am tired. I am broke. I am done.

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