

## **December 1, 2015**

The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do an on-site assessment of all Class One and Class Two dams statewide as a precaution after the 1,000-year flooding event. Based on the initial assessments as well as ongoing assessments, the department issued emergency orders covering 76 dams.

The agency is currently evaluating the responses to the emergency orders and conducting follow-up site visits to assess if appropriate actions are being taken. As of December 1, 2015 DHEC has:

- Assessed all 652 Class One and Class Two dams statewide
- Issued emergency orders covering 76 dams
- Identified 167 additional dams as being damaged and in need of repairs or requiring non-emergent maintenance.
- Sent a Notice of Violation (NoV) to owners of 25 dams who did not provide documentation of their required action items by the deadline stated in the emergency order.

The NoV is the first step in taking formal enforcement action against a dam owner. It provides further notification to the dam owner that the department may issue an administrative order and assess penalties, and reminds owners that DHEC may go on to their property to take needed actions as outlined in the emergency order, and can charge owners for such actions.

A sample NoV sent to dam owners can be [found here](#). The list of the owners of the 25 dams can be [found here](#).