

POL 5301

WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM POLICY

Resource Contact: Dam Safety Office

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INSPECTION OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

POLICY STATEMENT:

Inspection of construction work for new dams, or for modifications of existing dams, is considered an extension, and an integral part, of the construction permit process. The role of the DSO in conducting construction inspections is clearly defined in WAC 173-175-200.

DISCUSSION:

Inspections are conducted to confirm that assumptions made in the design stage are valid for field conditions and that the facility is constructed in accordance with the approved plans, specifications and accepted engineering and construction standards and practice. These inspections also verify that the inspection work being performed by the owner's agents is in accordance with the DSO approved construction inspection plan (see WAC 173-175-170 and POL 5302).

PROCEDURE:

The Project Leader for a given project is responsible for coordinating all inspection activities for that project. Procedures outlined in the "Ecology Enforcement Manual", Water Resources Section, are to be used where enforcement actions are deemed necessary to obtain compliance of construction work with approved plans and specifications.

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