

Resource Contact: Dam Safety Office  
References: RCW 90.03.350  
Chapter 173-175 WAC  
Dam Safety Guidelines

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**ENGINEERING APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Approval of construction plans and specifications by the DSO will be based on conformance of the plans and specifications with accepted engineering and construction practice and with criteria contained within the *Dam Safety Guidelines*.

**DISCUSSION:**

Direct implementation of RCW 90.03.350, WAC 173-175-160.

**PROCEDURES:**

Two copies of the construction plans and specifications must be submitted by the project proponent. The professional engineer designated by the DSO Supervisor as "Project Leader" will be responsible for coordinating and managing the engineering review of construction plans and specifications for a given project.

Construction plans and specifications which have been found, in the judgement of the project leader, to be in conformance with accepted engineering practice, Chapter 173-175 WAC and the *Dam Safety Guidelines* will be stamped with the DSO "Approved for Construction" Stamp.

One copy of the approved construction plans and specifications will be returned to the owner or his/her designated agent, along with the construction permit (see POL 5201). The other copy of the approved construction plans and specifications will be retained in the DSO files as a permanent record.

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