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## **Corps responds to concerned citizens about East Branch Dam**

Calls to the Corps of Engineers, generated by recent news reports, have prompted the agency to update the public on the status of its Dam Safety Initiative at East Branch Dam in Elk County, Pa.

The Corps is committed to addressing concerns and providing information to the public.

The situation at East Branch Dam has not changed. The Corps continues to operate the dam safely and closely monitor conditions.

Several risk reduction measures are currently in place to ensure the dam is operated in a safe manner. These include, maintaining a 20ft. pool restriction to relieve pressure on the dam, increased monitoring of instrumentation, daily physical inspections of the dam and several other measures.

The Corps Dam Safety Modification Study has been completed and is currently being reviewed by the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. The study defines the scope, cost, and schedule of the proposed long-term risk reduction plan.

Public safety is the number one priority of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The primary objective of our Dam Safety Program is to maintain public safety by ensuring the dams we own and operate are safe and risks to the public are minimized.

A project Status Report and additional information is available online at [www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/ebdam\\_safety.htm](http://www.lrp.usace.army.mil/rec/lakes/ebdam_safety.htm)

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