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**Re: eComment System****The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Dam Safety and Waterway Management (#7-556).**

## Commenter Information:

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## Comments entered:

There are some simple facts to consider as DEP and the Environmental Quality Board work on updating Chapter 105 regulations, specifically, Dam Safety and Waterway Management regulations.

First is that the planet is getting warmer and even if we get off a carbon based economy rapidly, a certain amount of warming is baked in for many decades. Storms will therefore be stronger, wetter, and more damaging. The second is that population will continue to increase and pressure to develop our remaining open spaces will increase concomitantly.

Given these two simple facts, DEP and the EQB should write the strictest possible regulations governing dams and wetland and stream encroachment. You owe it to future generations to maximize protections. After all, that's where your duty lies: working for the people, for wildlife, for the environment in general.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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