

Dam Safety Workshop Wrap-Up

Last April, the OWRB hosted a Dam Safety Workshop at UCO's Outdoor Adventure Recreation Boathouse at Lake Arcadia. About eighty participants representing dam owners, engineering firms, local and regional dam safety officials, and vendors attended the workshop. Participants learned about dam inspection techniques, maintenance recommendations, and monitoring for common deficiencies. The workshop concluded with a guided tour and inspection at the Arcadia Lake Dam.

We'd like to thank our expert presenters, including Freese and Nichols, Olsson Associates, Hydropower International Services, LLC, US Army Corps of Engineers, National Resources Conservation Services, Oklahoma Emergency Management, and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

This event would not have been possible without our sponsoring vendors, including Contech Engineered Solutions LLC, International Erosion Control Systems Inc., Olsson Associates, Guernsey, and Freese and Nichols.



Licensed Realtor Workshop Wrap-Up

Last April, OWRB Dam Safety and Floodplain Management staff led a free three-hour workshop for fifteen realtors at the Keller Williams office in Edmond. Dam Safety staff focused on the responsibilities of dam ownership and how realtors can help their clients avoid or ease associated liabilities. Staff also discussed the hazard-potential reclassification process and its impact on real estate sales.

To date, more than 300 real estate agents have received training on dam ownership, inspection techniques, and the identification of structural deficiencies. The OWRB, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Real Estate Commission, will continue to offer these free workshops to licensed realtors and brokers across the state. Attendees may earn up to three Continuing Education (CE) credits based on the length of the workshop. Future workshops will be scheduled based on interest, so please email Emma Moradi or call (405) 530-8800 if you would like to attend.

Upcoming Events

- Jul 17 ASDSO Seminar: [Georgia Dam Safety Workshop for Owners and Operators](#), Atlanta, GA
- Jul 24-26 ASDSO Seminar: [Inspection and Assessment of Dams](#), Madison, WI
- Aug 14 ASDSO Webinar: [Human Factors in the Oroville Dam Spillway Incident](#)
- Sept 9-13 [ASDSO 2018 Dam Safety Conference](#), Seattle, WA

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The Oklahoma Dam Safety Act recognizes that properly constructed, operated, and maintained dams used to impound water and create reservoirs for public and private beneficial uses constitute vital parts of the State of Oklahoma's water resources, and authorizes the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to regulate the construction, operation, and maintenance of dams to protect lives and property. Please e-mail comments and article ideas to pubinfo@owrb.ok.gov.