

Dam Dangerous - Basics

Safety AT dams

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Safety OF Dams



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Dams are a critical part of the nation's infrastructure

- The National Inventory of Dams (NID) lists more than 92,000 dams
- Unregulated dams
- Low Head Dams
- Approximately 65% of dams Privately Owned

Despite their importance, our nation's dams are aging and deteriorating

The population at risk near dams is increasing, this needs greater attention and investment

No matter the intended use,
a dam's owner is solely responsible for its safety, liability,
financing of its upkeep, repair, rehabilitation, and for
Incident and Emergency actions

- 2003 estimate to rehab all non-federal dams \$34 Billion
- 2025 estimate to rehab all non-federal dams \$165 Billion

Lack of funding is a serious national public safety problem

State dam Safety programs have primary regulatory responsibility for about 70% of NID listed dams

Whether small government or big government by design, all state programs seek to encourage dam owners to meet current

- local,
- state,
- federal, and
- Professional industry safety standards

Most state programs have limited ability to enforce the law

“That Dam Has Been Here For Years,
so its OK !!”

Wrong – Advancing Age and No
Maintenance Makes Dams More
Susceptible to Incidents & Failure

The burden of
“disasters are always local events”

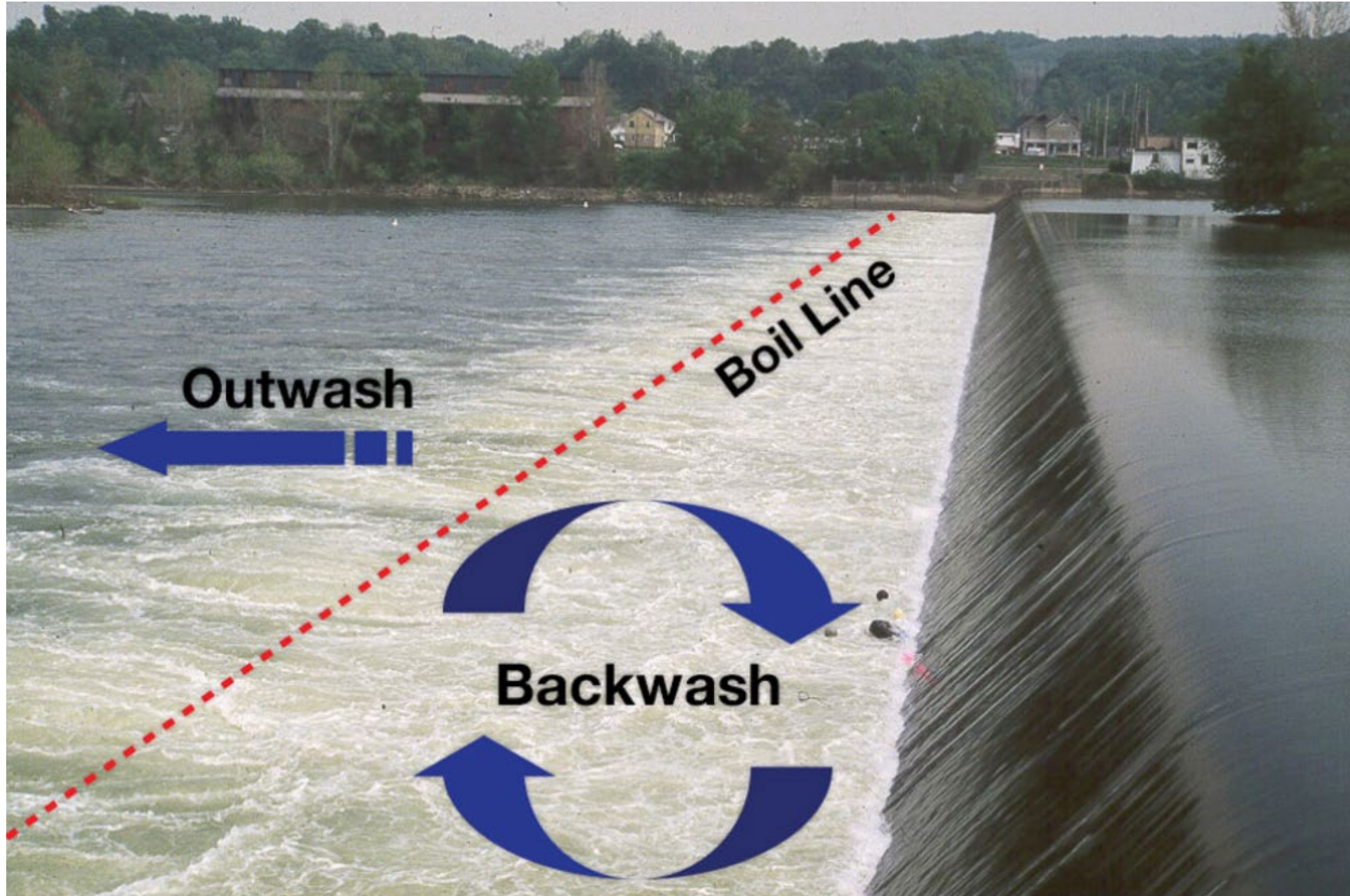
Safety AT Dams

Natural hazards await on rivers and streams
Unnatural hazards await the unwary

Low Head / In-Channel Dams / Drowning Machines



What's The Problem?



WHAT'S THE PROBLEM

DAMS HAVE BECOME

PUBLIC DESTINATIONS



**LHDs OFTEN
CAN'T BE SEEN
WHEN
APPROACHED**



**Looking
Back
Upstream**

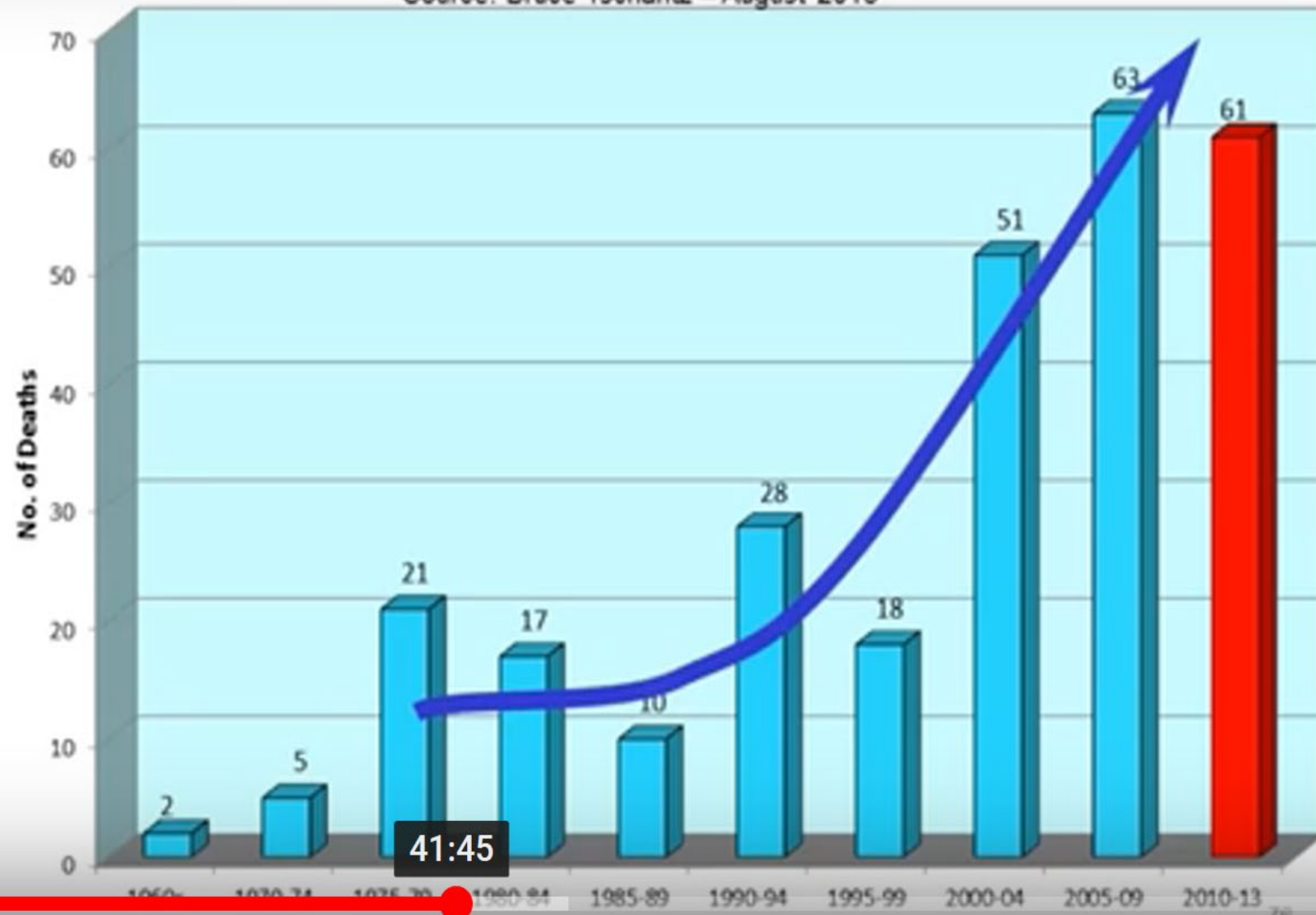
- Difficult to escape the recirculating currents,**
- even in a motorized boat or wearing a PFD**
 - Also dangerous for first responders**



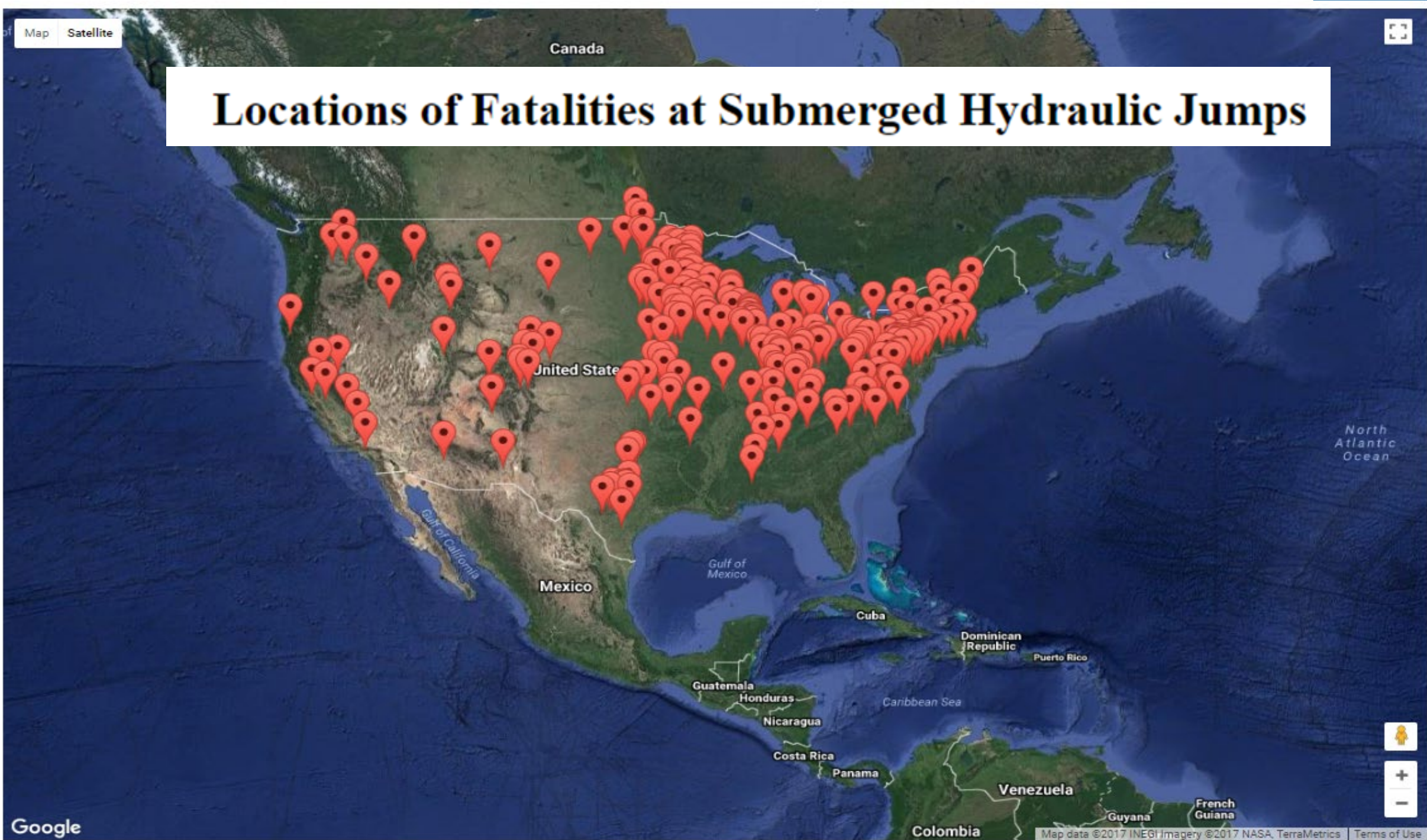
Documented Drownings at Dams in the U.S. (1960-August 21, 2013)

(276 total deaths)

Source: Bruce Tschantz – August 2013



Locations of Fatalities at Submerged Hydraulic Jumps





**HELP TEACH OUR YOUTH
WATERWAY SAFETY**



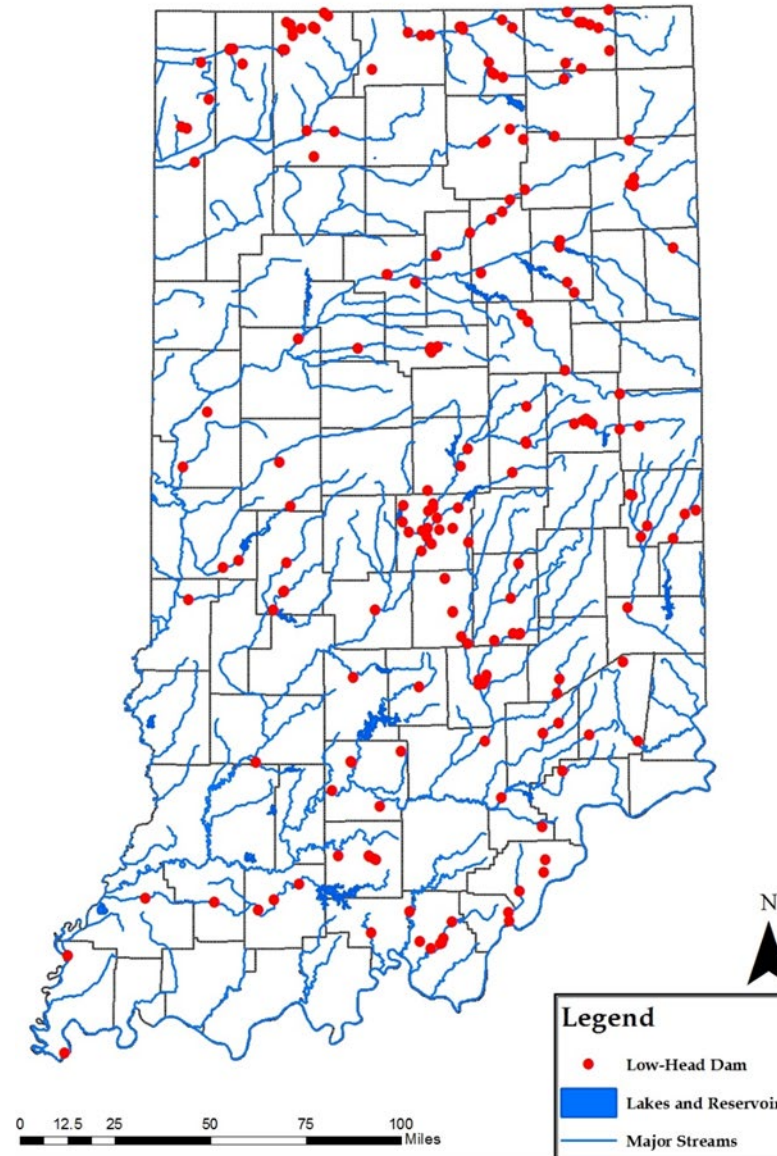
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WHAT DO **YOU** KNOW ABOUT STREAMS YOUR FAMILIES PLAY IN?

LOW HEAD DAMS ARE COMMON
SAFETY HAZARDS IN RIVERS AND
STREAMS

THERE MAY BE ONE IN A
WATERWAY NEAR YOU

Low Head Dams in Indiana

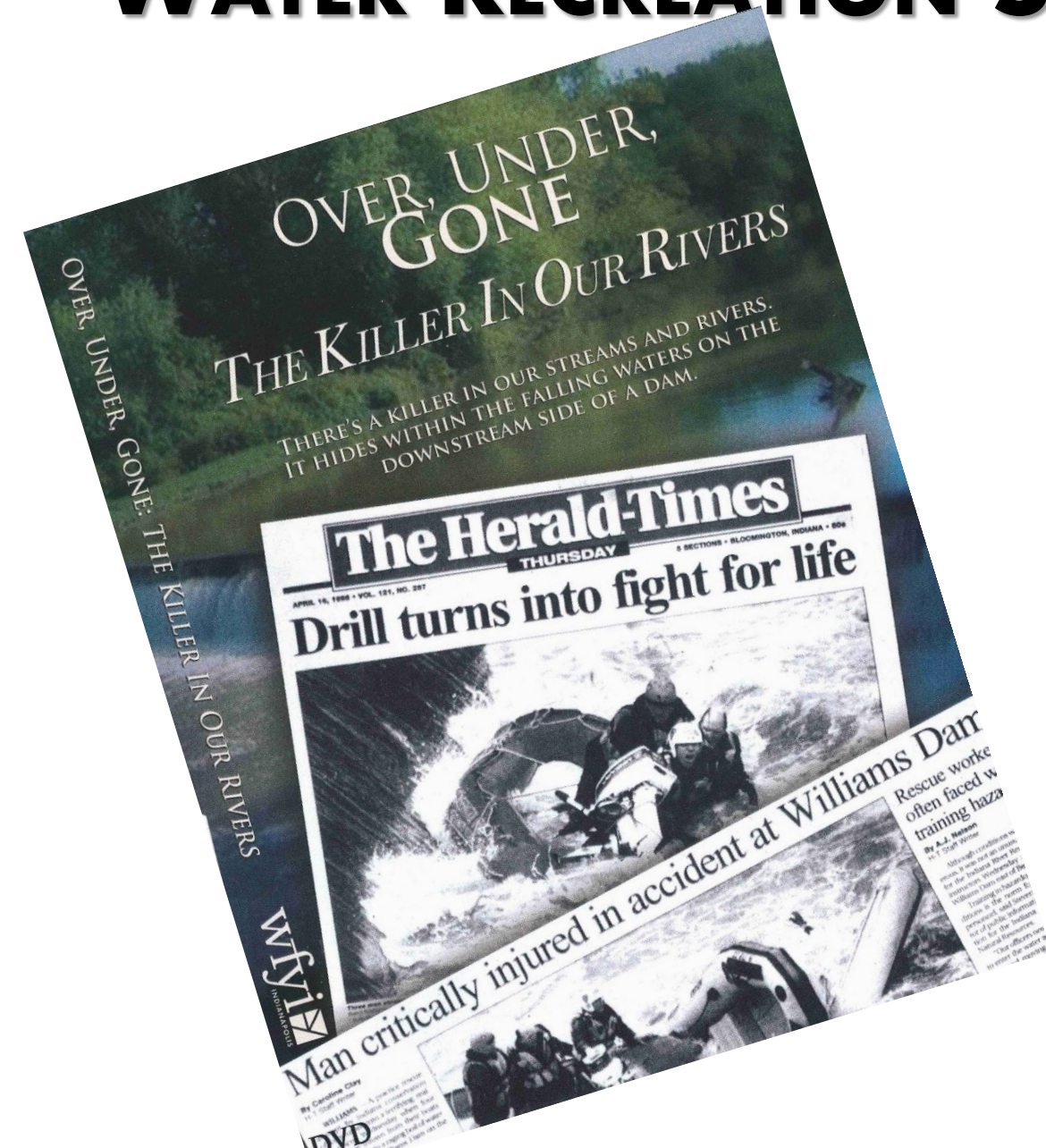


WATER RECREATION SEASON IS NOW

TEACH WITH
THE WFYI
DOCUMENTARY

OVER, UNDER, GONE
THE KILLER IN OUR
RIVERS

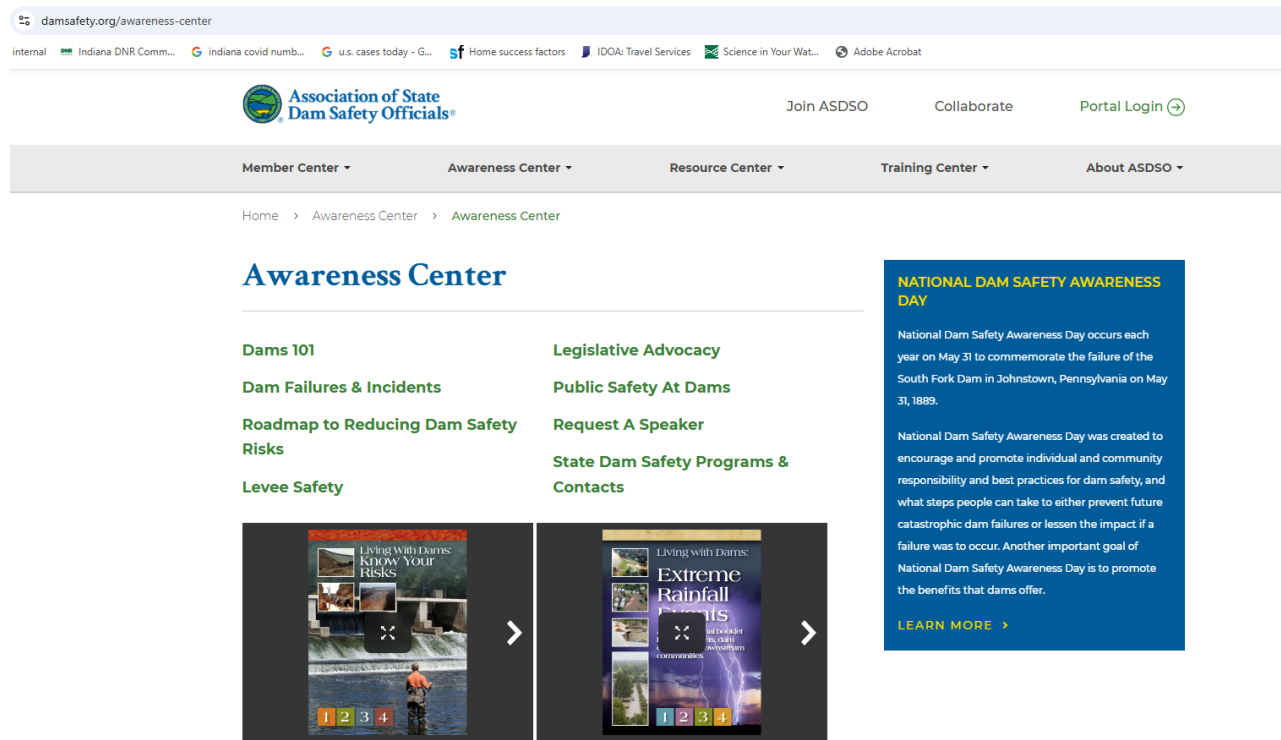
DAMSAFETY.ORG/ROADMAP



Association of State Dam Safety Officials ASDSO

At Damsafety.org

THANK YOU



The screenshot shows the ASDSO Awareness Center website. The header includes the ASDSO logo and navigation links: Join ASDSO, Collaborate, and Portal Login. A secondary navigation bar lists: Member Center, Awareness Center, Resource Center, Training Center, and About ASDSO. The main content area is titled 'Awareness Center' and features a grid of links: Dams 101, Dam Failures & Incidents, Roadmap to Reducing Dam Safety Risks, Levee Safety, Legislative Advocacy, Public Safety At Dams, Request A Speaker, and State Dam Safety Programs & Contacts. Below these links are two image sliders. The first slider shows a person standing next to a dam with the text 'Living With Dams: KNOW YOUR RISKS'. The second slider shows a lightning bolt with the text 'Living with Dams: Extreme Rainfall Events'. To the right of the sliders is a blue box titled 'NATIONAL DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY' containing text about the day's significance and a 'LEARN MORE' link.

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NATIONAL DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY

National Dam Safety Awareness Day occurs each year on May 31 to commemorate the failure of the South Fork Dam in Johnstown, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1889.

National Dam Safety Awareness Day was created to encourage and promote individual and community responsibility and best practices for dam safety, and what steps people can take to either prevent future catastrophic dam failures or lessen the impact if a failure was to occur. Another important goal of National Dam Safety Awareness Day is to promote the benefits that dams offer.

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