I’ve Got Your Dam Metrics.

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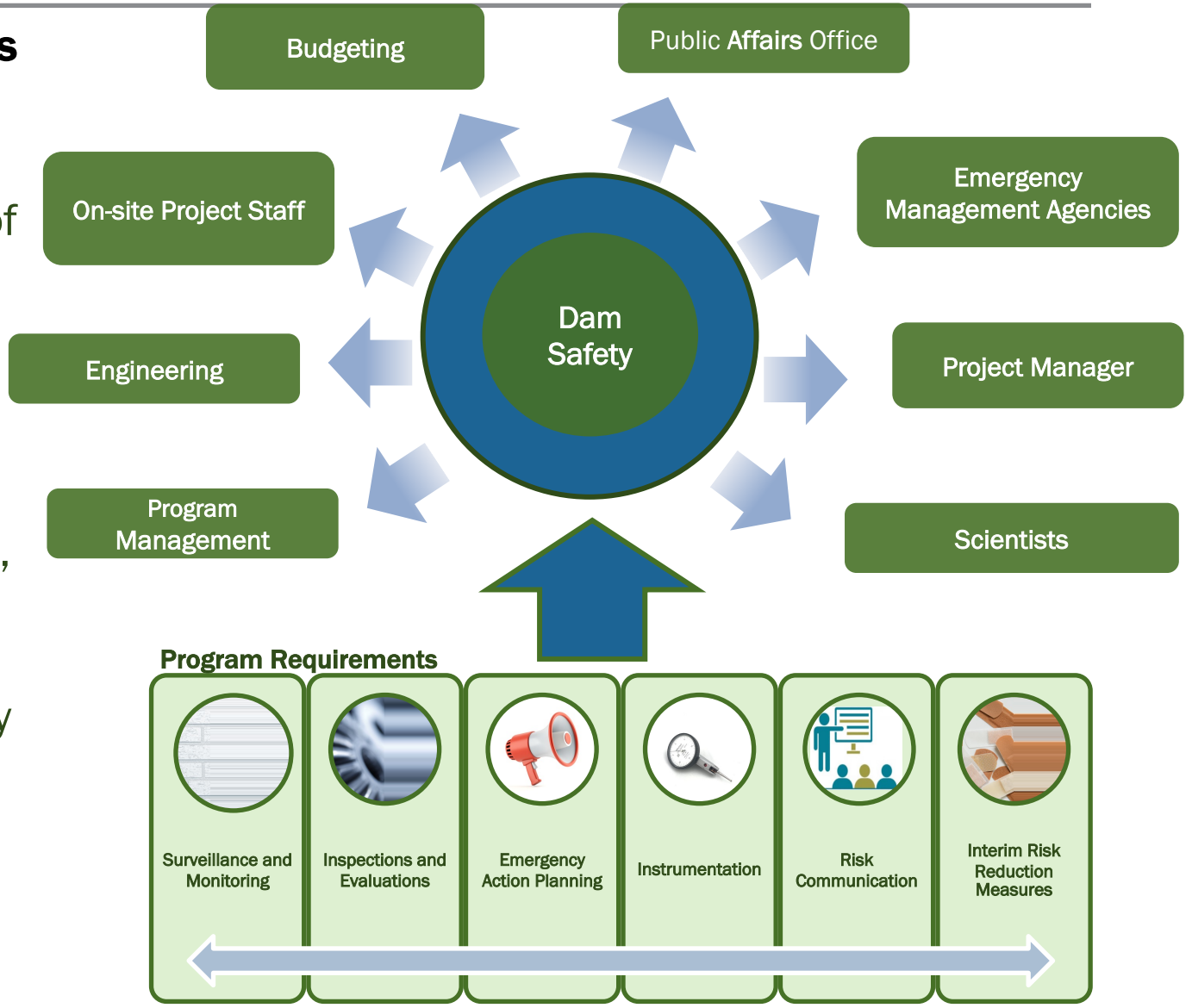
What is a Routine Dam Safety Program?

Integrates capabilities and expertise across the organization:

- ✓Allows USACE to ensure safe operations of dams
- ✓Enables USACE to meet mission requirements
- ✓Leverages USACE's local functional areas, relationships, and enterprise processes
- ✓Helps assess overall health of Dam Safety Program



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Presentation Outline

- USACE Inventory of Dams
- History of USACE Dam Safety Scorecard
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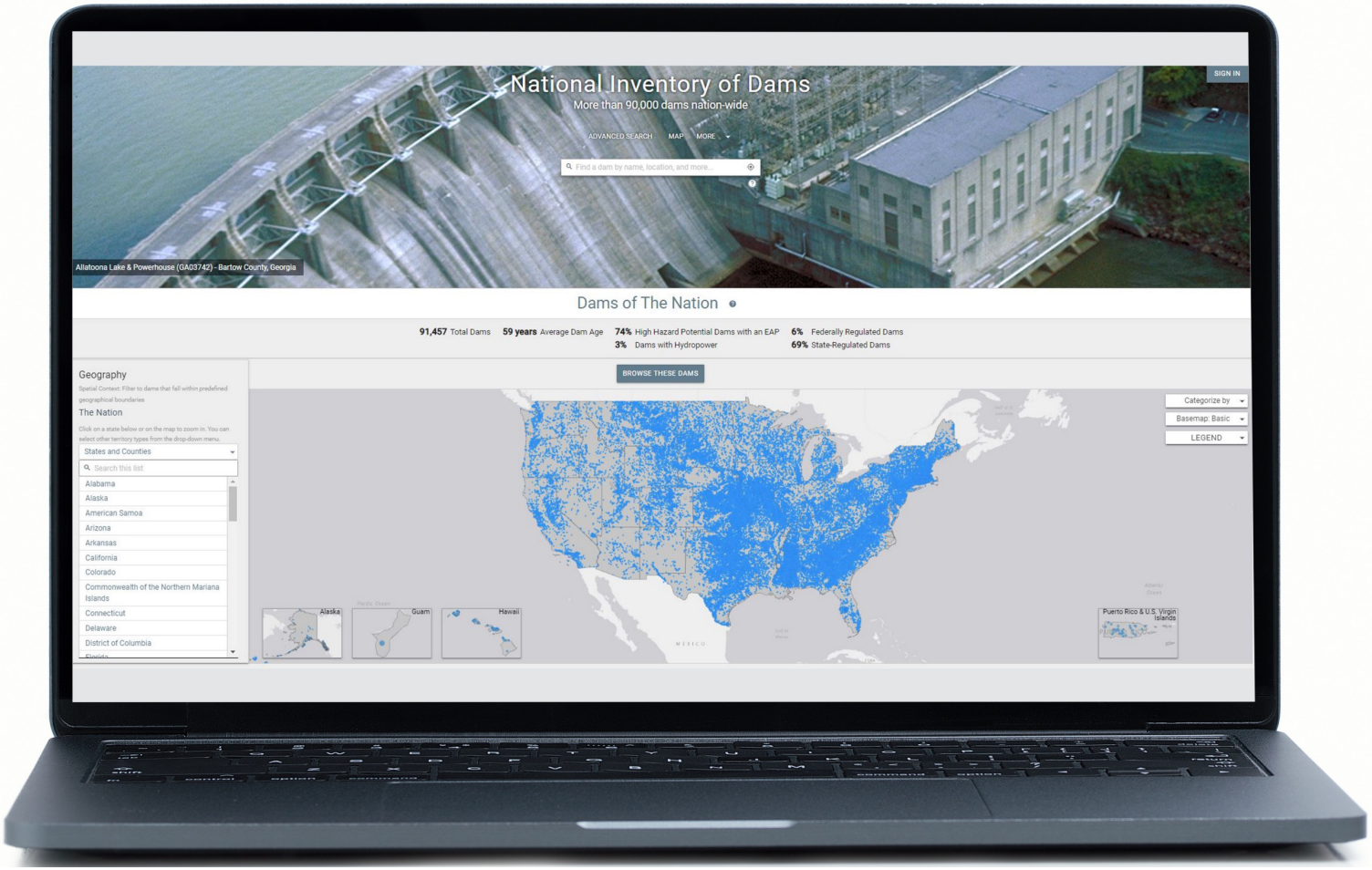
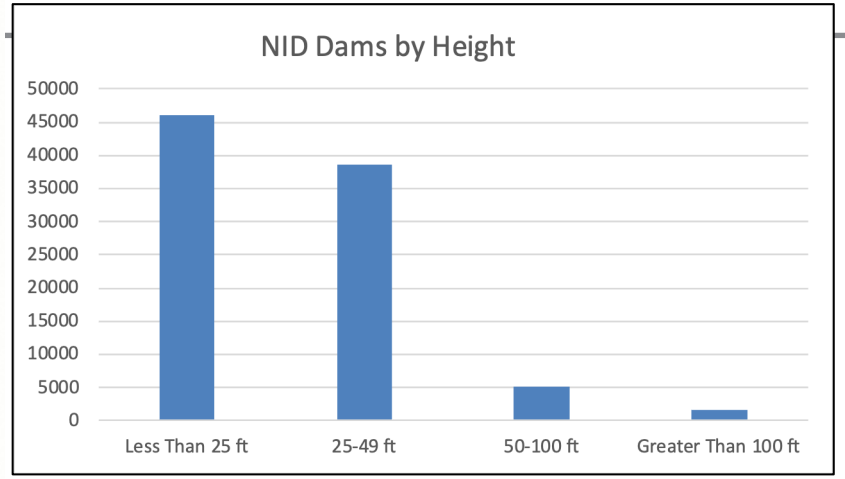
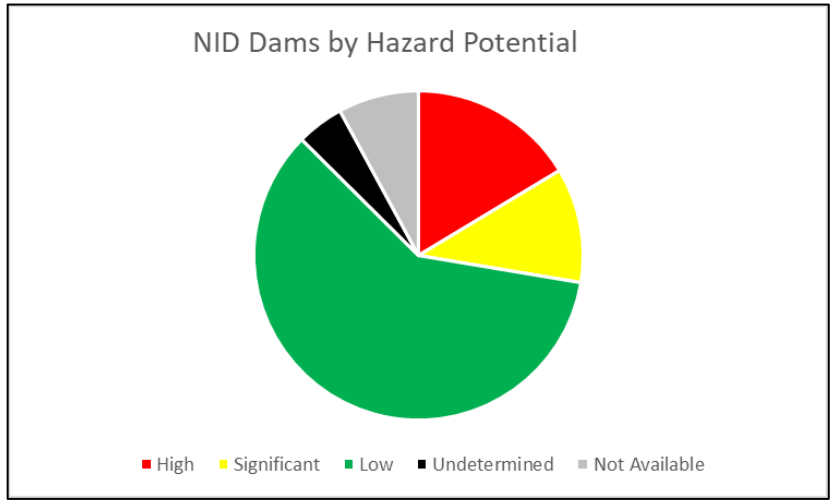
- Recent changes to USACE Dam Safety Scorecard
  - Why make changes
  - How it is being used
- Conclusion

National Inventory of Dams







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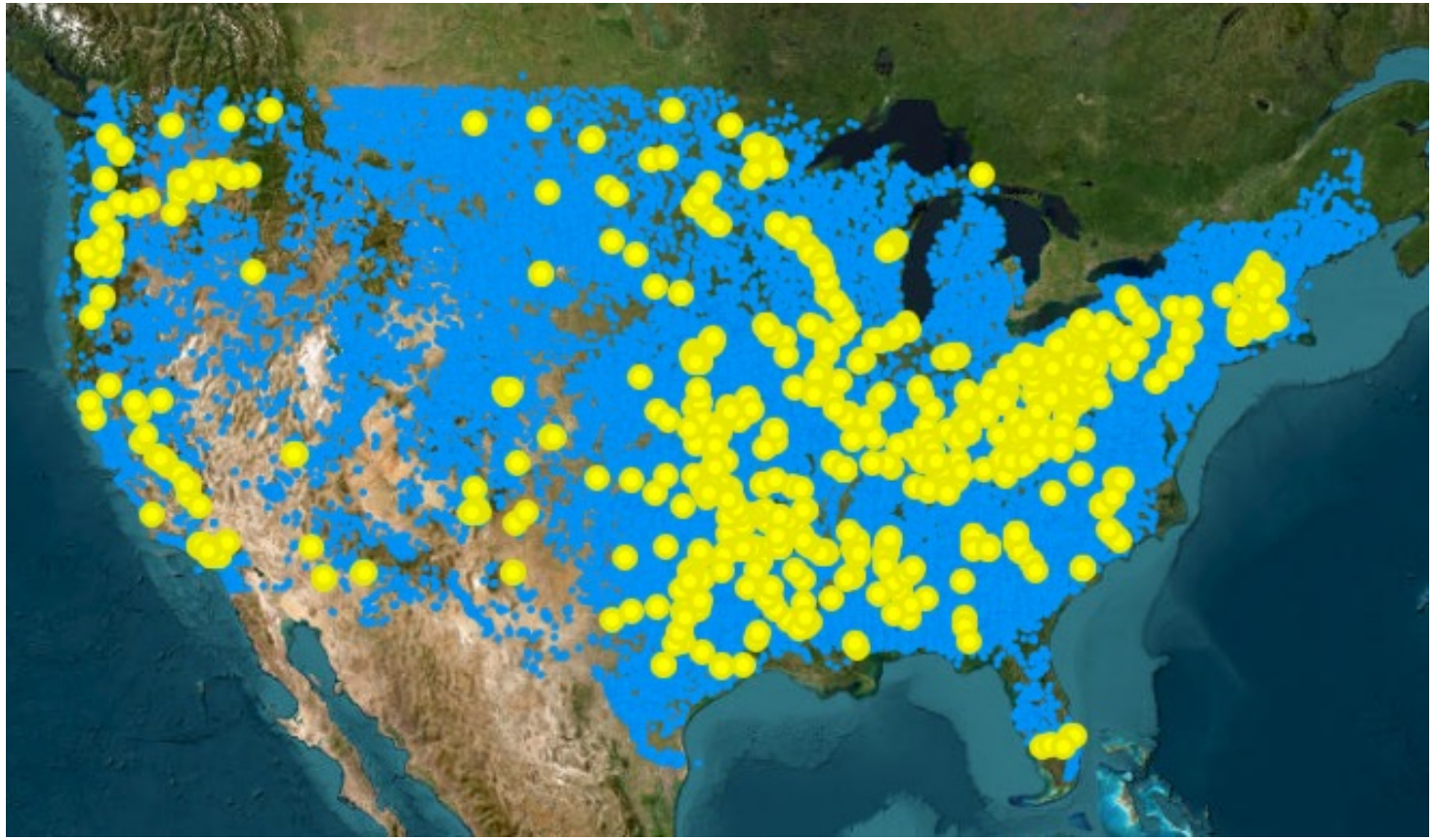
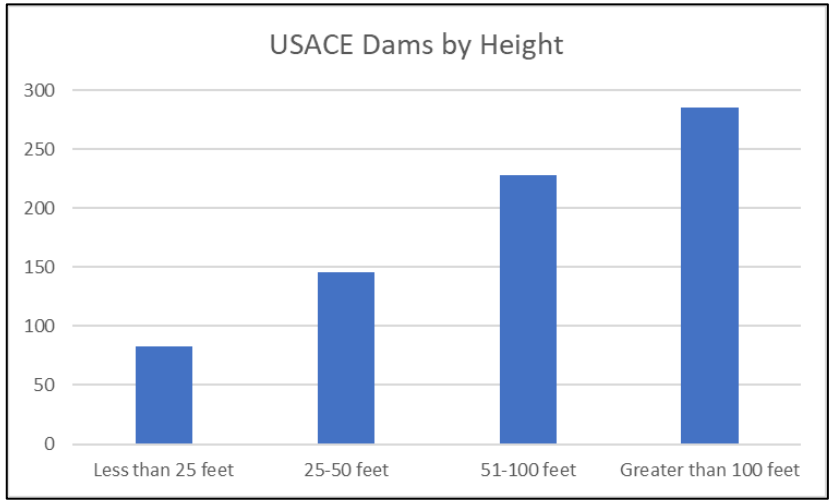
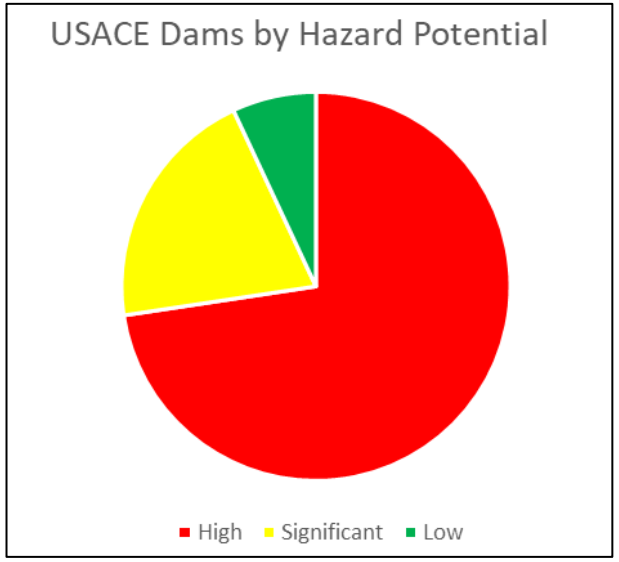
USACE Inventory of Dams 1







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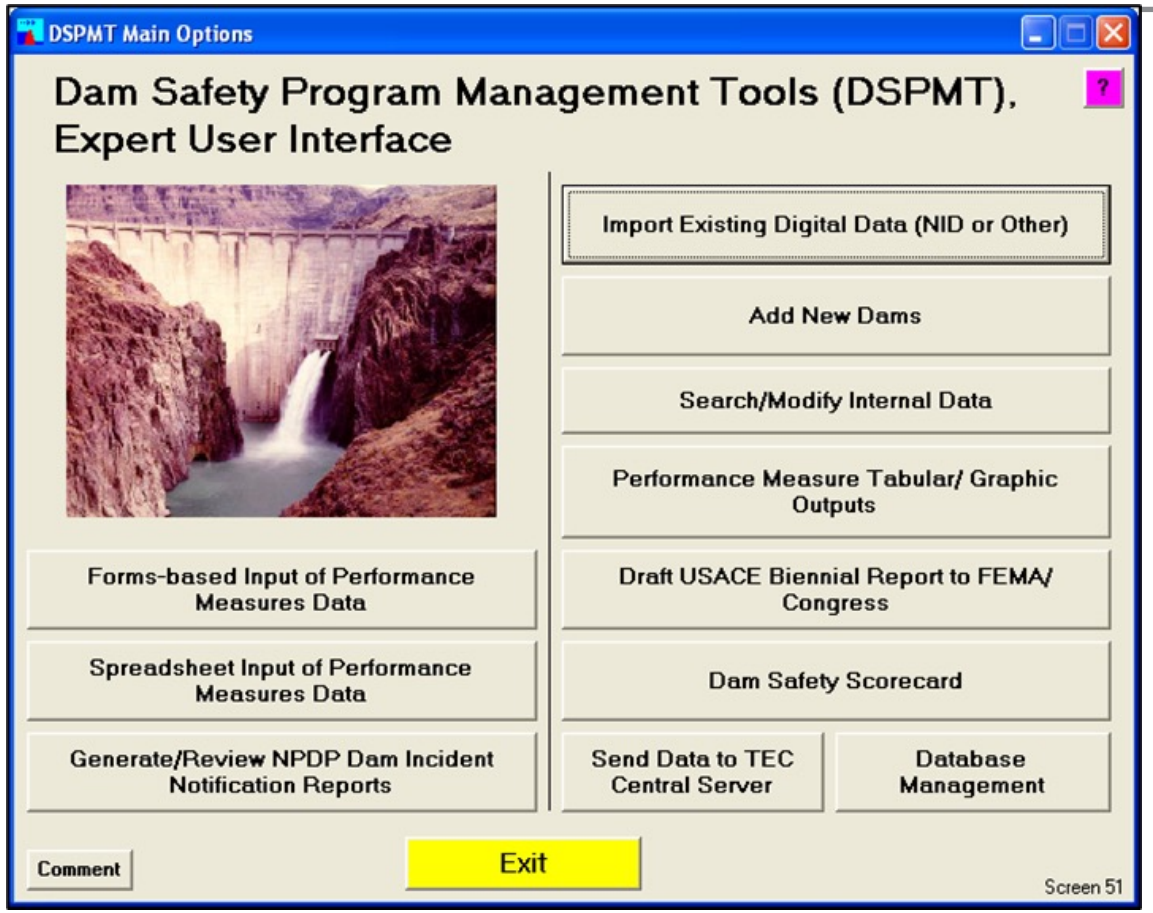
USACE Inventory of Dams 2

- USACE uses routine and non-routine activities to inform risk management decisions through the assessment, management, and communication processes.
- USACE has Dam Safety Officers and Dam Safety Program Managers at all levels of the organization.
- USACE is a self-regulated dam owner

History USACE Dam Safety Scorecard 1



- Documenting the condition and performance of USACE dams
- Tracking the status and progress of the implementation of the dam safety program
- Reporting information regarding the Agency's inventory of dams periodically to the National Inventory of Dams (NID), FEMA, and Congress

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History USACE Dam Safety Scorecard 2

- Staffing (DSPPM 2)
- Inspections and Evaluations (DSPPM 3)
- Identification and Remediation of Deficient Dams (DSPPM 4)
- Project Response Preparedness (DSPPM 5)
- Agency and Public Response Preparedness (DSPPM 6)

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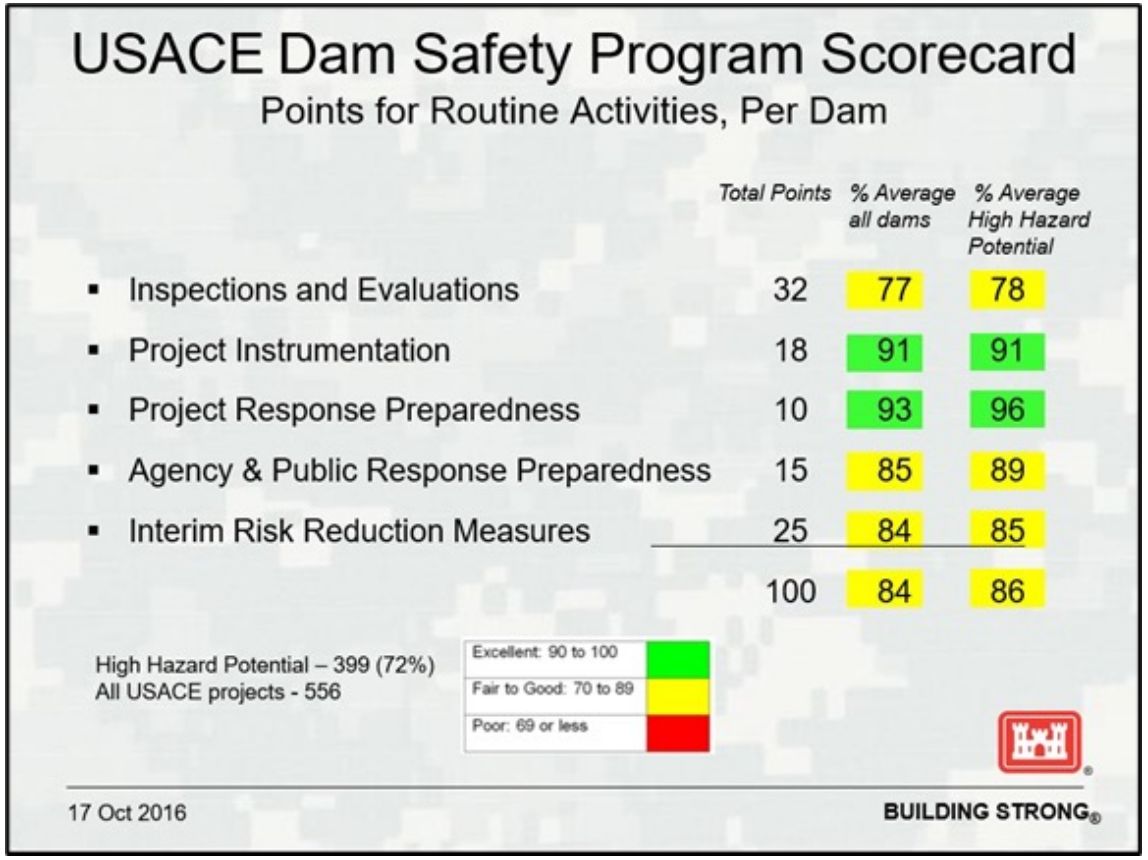
History USACE Dam Safety Scorecard 3



What it is:

Provides a numerical and graphical report of the implementation of routine dam safety activities on a per dam basis.

What it is NOT:

Not used as an indicator of the dam's condition nor to determine its risk or prioritization in the portfolio of dams

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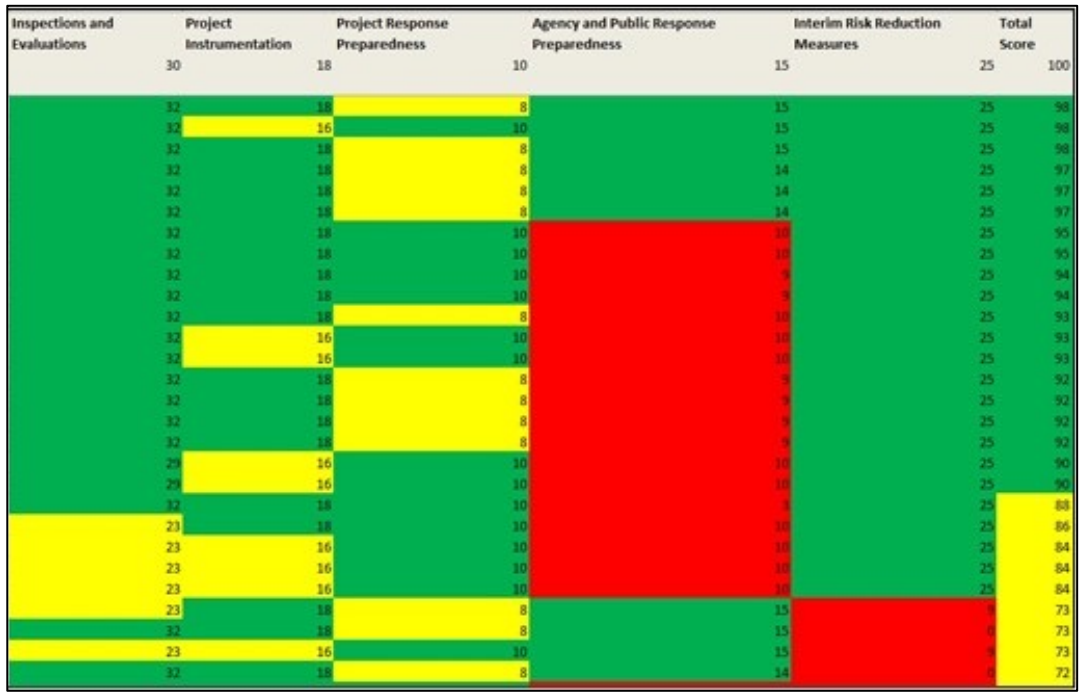
History USACE Dam Safety Scorecard 4



Inspections and Evaluations	Project Instrumentation	Project Response Preparedness	Agency and Public Response Preparedness	Interim Risk Reduction Measures	Total Score
30	18	10	15	25	100
32	18	8	15	25	98
32	16	10	15	25	98
32	18	8	15	25	98
32	18	8	14	25	97
32	18	8	14	25	97
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29	16	10	10	25	90
29	16	10	10	25	90
32	18	10	1	25	88
23	18	10	10	25	86
23	16	10	10	25	84
23	16	10	10	25	84
23	16	10	10	25	84
23	18	8	15	4	73
32	18	8	15	0	73
23	16	10	15	4	73
32	18	8	14	0	72

- The numerical values assigned to each of the five sections are based on a series of questions for which points are awarded based on affirmative responses.
- If the user answers “Yes” to the scorecard questions, points are awarded; no points are awarded for “No” answers.
- The maximum score is 100 points.

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USACE Dam Safety Scorecard Changes 1

- Many of the questions and the 100-point structure have been in use since 2009.
- This long-term data collection allows USACE to see trends and compare/review data for more than 10 years.
- However, these metrics should be reviewed to ensure they are measuring the most important activities and granting the appropriate points.
- As USACE's understanding of the risks associated with its dams matures, the metrics evolve to capture the current priorities and guidance.

USACE Dam Safety Scorecard Changes 2

- Should the Scorecard be limited to 100 points?
- Do all categories need to apply to all dams?
- Do the five performance measures still make sense or should they be expanded to align with current program requirements and efforts more closely?
- Should the Scorecard be organized by the Tolerable Risk Guidelines (TRGs) or have a Scorecard for each TRG?
- What about current Risk Communication activities?

USACE Dam Safety Scorecard Changes 3

- Does not need to equal 100 points for every project and is better represented as a percentage for applicable items.
- If a metric does not apply for a project, it does not count towards that project's total.

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USACE Dam Safety Scorecard Changes 4

- Districts include Scorecard discussions in their regional dam safety committee meetings and internal briefings on their highest risk dams.
- The Scorecards are useful when defending budget requests to highlight the need for funding items or activities that are not being accomplished.

Conclusion

- Due to the trust and funding bestowed by Congress through the U.S taxpayer, it is imperative that USACE demonstrate it is acting as a responsible dam owner.
- One of the ways it accomplishes this is through a self-monitoring series of questions and metrics upon which the overall health of the Dam Safety Program can be measured, reported, and improved.
- Should you consider a Scorecard that will assist in measuring how well you (or your organization) are implementing the Dam Safety Program?

Thanks for your attention.

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