

Just How Good (or Bad) is Alabama's Inventory of Dams?

A once-over inventory of the nation's dams was completed by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers as a result of the National Dam Inspection Act (P.L. 92-367) of 1972. Alabama is the only state in the nation without dam safety regulation. Without regulation, there has been little to no incentive to maintain Alabama's portion of the national inventory of dams. So just how far behind are we in having a complete inventory of dams for Alabama? This study utilizes GIS techniques and knowledge based information to estimate how many dams should be in Alabama's inventory and just how good (or bad) is Alabama's Inventory of Dams.

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