

Committee I – Public Safety Around Dams - Sécurité du Public Près des Barrages

Start-up Workshop: Emergency Management for Dam Safety

Sunday June 11th Room J2 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Technical Committee I has provided an important forum for 27 National Committees to share the state of practice regarding Public Safety Around Dams.

In 2022, the ICOLD General Assembly approved the Committee to include within its terms of reference:

Prepare a State of Practice report, and ICOLD Bulletin, on Emergency Management for Dam Safety that serves to inform good practice related to the preparedness, response and recovery phases for owners, regulators and communities impacted by the potential for dam failure.

Though Emergency Management for Dam Safety is described in various ICOLD Bulletins as being a critical element in a dam safety managed system, to date there have been no ICOLD Bulletins dedicated to this topic. The Committee is therefore embarking to prepare guidance material that has relevance to the National Committees and all dam owners. This includes those that already have high levels of maturity in Emergency Management as well as those still emerging in terms of maturity.

The Committee is hosting this Start Up workshop to gain insights and experience from attendees as to what is seen as the core, objectives, approaches, lessons, and challenges associated with emergency management. It is also the intent to garner interest from the National Committees to nominate new members active in the field as well as those wishing to learn. The workshop will be run as an interactive question and discussion format to provide an open forum for experience to be shared and captured to provide a guide to the Committees work going forward.