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The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do an on-site assessment of all Class One and Class Two dams statewide as a precaution after the 1,000-year flooding event. Based on these initial assessments, the department issued emergency orders covering 75 dams.

The agency is currently evaluating the responses to the emergency orders and conducting follow-up site visits to assess if appropriate actions are being taken. As of November 9, 2015 DHEC has:

- Received action item responses from owners of 42 of the 75 dams.
- Sent a Notice of Violation (NoV) to 24 dams who have not provided documentation of their required action items by the deadline.

The NoV is the first step in taking formal enforcement action against a dam owner. It provides further notification to the dam owner that the department may issue an administrative order and assess penalties, and reminds owners that DHEC may go on to their property to take needed actions as outlined in the emergency order, and can charge owners for such actions.

A sample NoV sent to dam owners can be [found here](#). The list of the owners of the 24 dams can be [found here](#).