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June 3, 2016

Mr. Edwin Cooper Forest Lake POA

Subject: Certificate of Completion and Operation for PERMIT NO. 40-0027,

Forest Lake Dam (D 4434), Richland County

Dear Mr. Cooper,

Section 72-3.F of the South Carolina Dams and Reservoirs Safety Act Regulations states that dam owners shall file written notification with DHEC once permitted work is complete. Additionally, the dam owner shall not impound or raise the water level in the reservoir until a certificate of completion and operation is issued by the Department, unless otherwise stated in the special conditions of the permit.

We have received the certification from your engineer of record, William C. Cooper, P.E. of WCC Engineering, LLC, that work that falls under PERMIT NO. 40-0027 is complete. DHEC staff performed a post-construction inspection of the dam on June 3, 2016. Permitted activities on your dam are now complete and the above-referenced permit to perform work is terminated. Any future repair work to this dam will require a separate permit.

Please note that as the owner or operator of this dam, you are required to perform regular maintenance of the dam, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. All maintenance necessary to prevent the growth of trees and brush on the embankment and within the spillway system.
- 2. All maintenance necessary to remove debris or other deleterious materials from the spillway system.
- 3. All inspections necessary to insure that any gates, orifices, dissipaters, and other appurtenances that affect the operation of the dam and reservoir are kept in good condition. Spillway and outlet gates that must operate to pass the design flood event must be tested at least once each year.
- 4. All maintenance necessary to maintain adequate vegetation to prevent erosion of the embankments and earth spillways.
- 5. All other actions necessary to ensure the safety of the dam.
- 6. Maintaining an up-to-date Emergency Action Plan and submitting it to the Department.

Feel free to contact Nelson McLeod, P.E. with any questions at (803) 898-4534 or mcleodjn@dhec.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

Wayne J. Shealy

Dam Safety Program, Bureau of Water

SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

cc: William C. Cooper, P.E., WCC Engineering, LLC (via email)

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