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**In reply refer to:
P-7497
NATDAM No. NC01218
Craggy Dam**

Mr. Thomas E. Hartye
General Manager
The Metropolitan Sewerage District
of Buncombe County
Post Office Box 8969
Asheville, North Carolina 28814

Subject: FERC Dam Safety Inspection - August 16, 2012

Dear Mr. Hartye:

Mr. Richard Whitlock conducted the 2012 dam safety inspection of the Craggy Dam Project No. 7497 and reported that the project was properly operated. No adverse or immediate stability concerns were noted. No compliance issues with Commission regulations related to environmental matters were observed. However, we have the following recommendations:

- You are currently exempt from filing an Emergency Action Plan (EAP). In order to maintain the exemption, an annual downstream assessment should be submitted to our office by December 31 of each year. The letter discussing your assessment should include the following: (1) the results of your field reconnaissance to verify if there were any changes to upstream or downstream conditions that would alter the hazard potential classification; (2) a request, if still eligible, to continue the exemption from filing an EAP. If there are any changes in upstream or downstream conditions where a dam failure might potentially impact life or property, further evaluation will be required to determine if the exemption should remain in effect.

Mr. Thomas E. Hartye

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- Our letter dated July 2, 2012, explained a new requirement for the owners of "Low" hazard potential projects to submit a contact list of people and organizations, such as local emergency management agencies and upstream and downstream dam owners, to be called during flood events or if a dam is in danger of failing or has failed. The list should also include the FERC Atlanta Regional Office cell numbers of Wayne King, Regional Engineer, 404-661-1270; and Randy Pool, Branch Chief, 404-683-1531.

Please submit your downstream assessment and contact list within 60 days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions, contact Mr. Richard Whitlock, P.E. of this office by telephone at (678) 245-3067, or by e-mail at richard.whitlock@ferc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne B. King". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" at the end.

Wayne B. King, P.E.
Regional Engineer