

Response: OPEN RECORDS REQUEST 0095: Lake Petit Dam Documents (Submitted: April 10, 2025)

From: Water, GORArequest (gorarequest.water@dnr.ga.gov)

To: themtnsvoice@aol.com; arnettia.murphy@dnr.ga.gov; sara.lips@dnr.ga.gov; david.griffin@dnr.ga.gov

Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 11:52 AM EDT

Good morning,

Please see the attached in response to your request.

From: themtnsvoice@aol.com <themtnsvoice@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 10, 2025 9:59 AM

To: Water, GORArequest <GORArequest.Water@dnr.ga.gov>; Murphy, Arnettia <Arnettia.Murphy@dnr.ga.gov>; Lips, Sara <sara.lips@dnr.ga.gov>; Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>

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Greetings,

Please find attached a 3 page PDF copy of a new Open Records Request for any new documents related to the Safe Dams Program, specifically Lake Petit Dam.

Previously I received communications from my most recent ORR that outlined a testing schedule for the Lake Petit LLO. April 7 was supposed to be the initial test. It appears that as of yesterday that had not happened, yet the Big Canoe POA has again failed to communicate anything to the residents. So as an urgent nature, I am specifically, but not exclusively, requesting for information in that regards. Mr. Griffin, I am again copying you on this because once again, nothing is stopping you from direct response to provide updates on this issue. Consider this a direct news inquiry, as well as being copied on this GORA request.

Peace,

- david hopkins / publisher

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Good morning, David,

The LLO gate test (with the plug-in place) is planned for Saturday, 12 April.

Thank you,

Michelle

From: Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 4:11 PM

To: Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>; Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>

Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>

Subject: RE: Lake Petit Low Level Outlet Repair

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Michelle –

Thanks for the update. Please remember that we must receive at least 48 hours notice prior to either of the tests of the LLO.

David

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From: Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 4:05 PM
To: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>; Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>
Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>
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Hi David,

The schedule below still stands. However, it is possible the LLO Gate Test (with the plug-in place) may occur as early as Friday (4/11).

Thank you,

Michelle

From: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 4:33 PM
To: Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>
Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>; Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>
Subject: RE: Lake Petit Low Level Outlet Repair

Hi David. Michelle is in contact with the Contractor multiple times per day and the current schedule reflects the following:

- LLO Gate Test (with the plug in place) on 4/14.
- Final LLO Gate Test (with the plug removed) on 4/22.

The Contractor is still getting the frame and stem installed/aligned and they are awaiting delivery of a couple of pieces of hardware from the manufacturer. If the hardware arrives early, they may test the gate with the plug in place as early as Thursday, 4/10.

Michelle – Will you please start sending a daily schedule update to this team every afternoon? We want to give SDP as much lead time as possible to allow them to witness the gate test if they are available. Thanks!

Regards.

Jamey

From: Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 8, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>
Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>; Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>
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Jamey –

Was the contractor able to do the LLO test with the plug in place yesterday?

David

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From: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 9:58 AM

To: Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>

Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>; Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>

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Good morning David. The latest schedule from the Contractor is as follows:

- LLO Gate Test (with the plug in place) on 4/7.
- Final LLO Gate Test (with the plug removed) on 4/15.

Regards.

Jamey

From: Griffin, David <David.Griffin@dnr.ga.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 9:38 AM

To: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>; Betsill, Kate <Kate.Betsill@dnr.ga.gov>

Cc: sauer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>; Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>

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Jamey –

Thanks for the update on the LLO install. The plan you have proposed is acceptable as long as you, the owner, and the supplier are in agreement on the path forward. Please remember to let us know when the dates for the LLO tests have been selected.

David

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From: Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>
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Cc: Scott Auer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>;
Michelle Knights <Michelle.Knights@Geosyntec.com>
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David,

Please see the attached letter documenting our phone call from yesterday regarding the LLO repairs. Please let us know if you have questions.

Regards.

Jamey

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Cc: Scott Auer <sauer@bigcanoepoa.org>; Jamey Dotson <JDotson@Geosyntec.com>; Wesley MacDonald <WMacDonald@Geosyntec.com>
Subject: Lake Petit Low Level Outlet Repair

David and Kate,

This message is to notify you that the construction of the low level outlet repair for Lake Petit Dam is expected to start on 5 March 2025. I will let you know if there are any changes.

Thank you,

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