

The Benefit of Dams to Society.

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SYNOPSIS. Dams have been constructed from historical times to provide the needs of many civilisations. Focussing primarily on the UK, the paper sets out the benefits of improved health and life from the provision of a clean water supply from reservoirs, protection from drowning and damage from floods, the provision of power from hydro schemes, water for irrigation, as well as the recreation and environmental benefits of the reservoirs.