

Condition assessment of Government-owned dams in Finland

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SYNOPSIS. Some 480 of dams in Finland are covered by the dam safety legislation and of these, some 50 dams are government-owned. In spite of shortcomings and a few incidents there has been no complete dam failure in Finland affecting water body dams that have a significant damage potential in case of failure. To unify the safety level of government-owned dams and to give priority to maintenance work in future, the environment administration has decided to carry out the condition assessments of dams that have a significant damage potential in case of failure.