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May 6, 2025

Collings Lakes Civic Association
Attn: Steve Slimm, President
P.O. Box 475
Williamstown, New Jersey 08094

Re: Cushman Lake Dam (NJDEP File No. 31-98)
Folsom Borough, Atlantic County

Dear Mr. Slimm:

This letter is with reference to the Cushman Lake Dam located in Folsom Borough, Atlantic County, New Jersey. The dam was inspected by an engineer from the Bureau of Dam Safety (Bureau) on May 2, 2025 in response to a notification concerning seepage through the dam after refilling of the lake. Upon inspection, seepage was observed discharging fine material immediately downstream of the primary spillway structure.

In view of the above, under the provisions of the Safe Dam Act (N.J.S.A. 58-4.1 et seq.), as the owner of this dam, you are hereby directed to obtain the services of a New Jersey licensed professional engineer experienced in the design and construction of dams to undertake the following measures:

1. Continue to lower the water level in the lake to a safe operating level as determined by your engineer. The safe operating level must be justified by your engineer and approved by the Bureau within **seven (7) days** of the date of this letter. The safe operating level must be maintained until permanent repairs are made and approved by the Bureau. Please also be reminded that as-builts must be submitted for the overall rehabilitation project to comply with the New Jersey Dam Safety Standards (N.J.A.C. 7:20).
2. Perform a detailed evaluation of the seepage issue and submit a report of the findings including both temporary and long-term recommendations to the Bureau **within thirty (30) days** of the date of this letter.
3. Continue to monitor the condition of the dam and provide the Bureau with daily status updates via e-mail until the safe operating level has been achieved. Any changes in condition must be immediately reported to the Bureau and your engineer.

4. Coordinate with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish & Wildlife to take appropriate measures to protect and/or relocate the fish and associated aquatic wildlife that may be affected by the lowering of the lake. Please contact the Division of Fish & Wildlife at (908) 236-2118.
5. Develop a seepage repair plan and submit to the Bureau for review **within forty-five (45) days** of the date of this letter.

Please be reminded that plans for seepage repairs must be approved before any repairs or modifications are undertaken.

Should you have any questions, please contact Zachary Kohl of this office at (609) 984-0859 or via e-mail at Zachary.Kohl@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,



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Bureau of Dam Safety

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Shawn Crouse, NJDEP Fish & Wildlife (*via e-mail*)

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