

Appendix D – Consequence Rating

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Item	Dam failure consequences classification	Population at risk	Consequences of failure		
			Loss of life	Environmental and cultural values	Infrastructure and economics
1	low	none ¹	no possibility of loss of life other than through unforeseeable misadventure	minimal short-term loss or deterioration and no long-term loss or deterioration of (a) fisheries habitat or wildlife habitat, (b) rare or endangered species, (c) unique landscapes, or (d) sites having significant cultural value	minimal economic losses mostly limited to the dam owner's property, with virtually no pre-existing potential for development within the dam inundation zone
2	significant	temporary only ²	low potential for multiple loss of life	no significant loss or deterioration of (a) important fisheries habitat or important wildlife habitat, (b) rare or endangered species, (c) unique landscapes, or (d) sites having significant cultural value, and restoration or compensation in kind is highly possible	low economic losses affecting limited infrastructure and residential buildings, public transportation or services or commercial facilities, or some destruction of or damage to locations used occasionally and irregularly for temporary purposes
3	high	permanent ³	10 or fewer	significant loss or deterioration of (a) important fisheries habitat or important wildlife habitat, (b) rare or endangered species, (c) unique landscapes, or (d) sites having significant cultural value, and restoration or compensation in kind is highly possible	high economic losses affecting infrastructure, public transportation or services or commercial facilities, or some destruction of or some severe damage to scattered residential buildings

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4	very high	permanent ³	100 or fewer	significant loss or deterioration of (a) critical fisheries habitat or critical wildlife habitat, (b) rare or endangered species, (c) unique landscapes, or (d) sites having significant cultural value, and restoration or compensation in kind is possible but impractical	very high economic losses affecting important infrastructure, public transportation or services or commercial facilities, or some destruction of or some severe damage to residential areas
5	extreme	permanent ³	more than 100	major loss or deterioration of (a) critical fisheries habitat or critical wildlife habitat, (b) rare or endangered species, (c) unique landscapes, or (d) sites having significant cultural value, and restoration or compensation in kind is impossible.	extremely high economic losses affecting critical infrastructure, public transportation or services or commercial facilities, or some destruction of or some severe damage to residential areas

1. There is no identifiable population at risk.
2. People are only occasionally and irregularly in the dam-breach inundation zone, for example stopping temporarily, passing through on transportation routes or participating in recreational activities.
3. The population at risk is ordinarily or regularly located in the dam-breach inundation zone, whether to live, work or recreate.