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Dear Secretary Watson and Chief Clerk Mathiowetz:

Enclosed is the Department of Natural Resources' current dam safety program project priority needs list. It is being submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.511, subdivision 12, which requires the DNR to prioritize and report dam project needs to the legislature by June 1 of each odd-numbered year.

The list reflects changes that were necessary to accommodate additional funding that is needed to complete the New London Dam in Kandiyohi County. We had expected 2006 funding to cover the costs for this project; however, the final design resulted in a more complex and consequently more expensive project. The project design will be completed within a month and the project is scheduled for construction in 2010.

This high hazard New London Dam project will be completed using some of the 2008 bonding funds previously designated towards the Lake Bronson Dam, and Clayton Lake Dam (L08, C179, S7, Subd 6). These two projects will be deferred to the next bonding cycle for the following reasons: the Clayton Lake Dam is a lower hazard potential dam; and the Lake Bronson Dam project is a high hazard dam that is not ready to proceed as an estimated \$9 million is needed to reconstruct the dam and that funding has not been procured.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Holsten'.

Mark Holsten
Commissioner

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