

§ 143-215.28A. Application fees.

(a) Repealed by Session Laws 2023-138, s. 4, effective October 10, 2023.

(a1) A nonrefundable application processing and compliance fee in the amount of two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) of the actual cost of construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of the applicable dam shall be paid for the processing of applications for approvals of construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of dams issued under this Part as follows: (i) an initial fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or one-half of the processing and compliance fee based on the engineer's estimated cost of construction, repair, alteration, or removal of the dam, whichever amount is greater, shall be submitted with the application and (ii) the remainder of the processing and compliance fee based on the engineer's actual cost of construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of the dam, whichever amount is greater, shall be paid when the as-built plans are submitted to the Department. The maximum fee shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of a dam. In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

- (1) Each application for construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of a dam shall be deemed incomplete and shall not be reviewed until the initial fee of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or one-half of the processing and compliance fee is paid.
- (2) For purposes of determining the actual cost of construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal, the cost shall (i) include all labor and materials costs associated with the project for the applicable dam and (ii) not include the costs associated with acquisition of land or right-of-way, design, quality control, electrical generating machinery, or constructing a roadway across the dam.
- (3) Immediately upon completion of construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of a dam, the owner shall file a certification with the Director, on a form prescribed by the Department, and accompanying documentation, which shows actual cost incurred by the owner for construction, repair, alteration, breach, or removal of the applicable dam.
 - a. The owner's certification and accompanying documentation shall be filed with the as-built plans and the engineer's certification.
 - b. If the Director finds that the owner's certification and accompanying documentation contain inaccurate cost information, the Director shall either withhold final impoundment approval, if applicable, or revoke final impoundment approval, if applicable, until the owner provides accurate documentation and that documentation has been verified by the Department.
- (4) Final approval to impound shall not be granted until the owner's certification and the accompanying documentation are filed in accordance with subdivision (3) of this subsection and the remainder of the application processing and compliance fee has been paid as provided by this subsection.
- (5) Payment of the application processing and compliance fee shall be by check or money order made payable to the Department and reference the applicable dam.

(b) The Dam Safety Account is established as a nonreverting account within the Department. Fees collected under this section shall be credited to the Account and shall be applied to the costs of administering this Part. (1989 (Reg. Sess., 1990), c. 976, s. 1; 1991 (Reg. Sess., 1992), c. 1039, s. 15; 1993, c. 394, s. 5; 2017-145, s. 1(c); 2023-138, s. 4; 2024-1, s. 4.6(a).)