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EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

The Emergency Action Plan is a manual that defines the responsibilities and procedures for actions to be taken in the event of an actual or potential emergency condition at Tuttle Creek Dam. This plan was first authorized and published in October 1976. The entire manual is reviewed each year to ensure that all of the procedures are current and that all of the names and telephone numbers are current or are updated.

The Emergency Action Plan is distributed to the police departments, fire departments, or other agencies responsible for emergency response and evacuation downstream of the dam. Agencies all the way to the where the Kansas River joins the Missouri River receive this plan and all updates as they are produced.

The Emergency Action Plan includes the following instructions and information:

- **Responsibilities, Authorities, and Funding:** The project at all times has a person available who is responsible for the execution of the plan should an emergency arise; the Project Manager or his representative is authorized to immediately commit all Government resources at his or her disposal, to prevent failure of the dam and to eliminate or minimize damage.
- **Field Actions to be Taken and Emergency Notification:** Guidelines for reporting problems; emergency notification lists; emergency routes to Tuttle Creek Lake; downstream warning and evacuation maps; statements for public warning; news media lists .
- **Advance Preparation, Technical Assistance, and Security:** The advance preparation includes training on the content of the plan, the available project supplies and equipment, the Contractor support available, and of critical technical data like the “spillway design flood”.
- **Conditions that Warrant Increased Inspections and Dam Safety Problems:** Conditions that can lead to emergencies are discussed in detail such as flood pools higher than previously attained, earthquakes, excessive rainfall, large discharge through the spillway, high winds, lake near maximum level and rising, unexpected drop in pool level, as well as others.
- **Post Earthquake Surveillance:** The plan includes an appendix that specifically discusses how personnel are to respond and what they are to look for after any earthquake that was felt in the Manhattan area, regardless of the size of the earthquake.

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