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The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to do an on-site assessment of all Class One and Class Two dams statewide as a precaution after the 1,000-year flooding event. As part of the assessment process, the agency is evaluating overtopping, debris, structural damage, signs of erosion, flow, seepage, potential weak and or failure points, and overgrowth.

As of October 22, 2015, DHEC has taken the following actions since the 1,000-year flood:

- Partnered with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers teams to assess all Class One and Class Two dams statewide as a precaution after the historic rains.
- Assessed 651 dams statewide so far.
- Based on these initial assessments, issued emergency orders covering 75 dams.

As of today, DHEC has received 45 responses from the dam owners that were issued emergency orders. DHEC is currently evaluating these responses and working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct follow-up site visits to assess compliance.

DHEC will have a more comprehensive update on the compliance status of dams that were issued emergency orders by the end of the week.