



5 Minute Break



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Harold Van Aller

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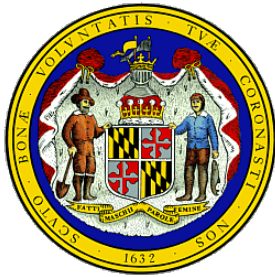
- Hal has been with Maryland's Dam Safety Program since the 1980's when the speciality has come into its modern discipline
- Hal has a passion for Dam Safety and his expertise spans from technical to practical -- always ready to lend a hand and get the work done
- Hal has helped to establish the geotechnical and structural engineering backbone of the Program
- Hal has set up the electronic databases and the SOPs that are the beating heart of day-to-day operations
- Hal is well versed with the operations of dam safety programs from across the country, bringing that knowledge back home to use in Maryland
- Hal has been involved with ASDSO since its inception, and is currently on the Board of Directors as the Past President (2020)



Therefore:

- Maryland's Dam Safety Program is well positioned to continue in Hal's absence due to the pioneering efforts of his career
- While his in-depth understanding of how things came to be will not be replaced, the platforms that he has established will serve Maryland Dam Safety for years to come





Hal Van Aller



The Citizens of the Great State of Maryland and the Governor would like to thank Hal Van Aller, for 38 years of *Wonderful* service in Maryland's Dam Safety Program. Mr. Van Aller worked initially as a Soil Conservation Service intern, and then for over thirty years as a dam safety inspector, and finally as the Division Chief of Maryland's Dam Safety Program. Hal has been recognized locally and nationally for his expertise in dam safety engineering, but just as importantly, for his kindness and humble leadership. While Mr. Van Aller's public service to the State will be missed greatly, he should rest assured because of the institutional legacy that he helped to establish and the invaluable training that Maryland's dam safety community has gained from working by his side -- Maryland's Dam Safety Program *Couldn't be Better!*

I can think of no one more identified with his or her vocation than you have been with Maryland's Dam Safety Program. For decades you provided nationally recognized expertise, gave wise counsel to scores of engineers and dam owners, and gained much deserved respect from your colleagues. Leave that legacy with pride as you move toward other no less exciting pursuits. You no doubt deserve it -- **Brian Clevenger**



I truly believe you led the way in that you didn't belabor the details, but described the problem succinctly, and proposed an action plan. Maryland and ASDSO are going to miss you. -- **Jim Smith**



Jim Tracey, Ken Pensyl

It is time for all of us old guys to be preparing to ride off into the sunset. It is really sad to see Hal go -- Best wishes for a great 2021! -- **Myron Frock, Chris Heyn, and Martin Covington**



Questions & Answers from Today's Workshop

10:00 – 10:10

Introductions - Jennifer Smith

10:15 – 11:00
Roche

Basics of Geotechnical Investigations – John

11:05 – 11:50

Overtopping Protection 101 – Scott Bass

11:55 – 1:00

Construction 101 – Charlie Wallis

1:05 – 1:35
Bass

Introduction to Maryland PMP Update – Scott

1:40 – 2:00

Closing Remarks and Q&A – Raymond Ball

Liberty Dam



Virtual Dam Owners Workshop

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