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**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** GOVERNOR  
**FROM:** BOYD  
**SUBJECT:** FYI--LAKE DIXIE SPRINGS DAM (NORTH PIKE COUNTY)  
**DATE:** OCTOBER 1, 2002  
**CC:** MAYO

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DEQ called late yesterday to advise our office of a dam safety problem with Lake Dixie Springs. DEQ is concerned about the integrity of the dam should any addition rainfall occur (i.e., Hurricane Lilli). I have advised Chisolm that the Dam Safety team should move quickly to improve the integrity. This will result in the release of some water that may flood a couple of homes downstream; however, this is better than a total breach that would certainly flood the 4-5 homes downstream and damage a rail line and road.

DEQ advised that DWFP was the proper owner of the Lake not knowing the agency transferred ownership in March 2000. The Secretary of State's office misplaced the deed and approved the transfer on September 30, 2002 (2.5 years after DWFP transferred it).

DEQ estimates the dam repair at \$5,000. The railroad company has pledged \$2,000 and the homeowners have pledged \$1,000. DEQ is prepared to use \$2,000 to cover the remainder from emergency fund, not specifically for this purpose. I have spoken with Chuck Bearman, Chief of Staff for Secretary of State, to see if they have any funds to assist. (Awaiting response....)

By the way, Representative Bobby Moak is representing the homeowners association. I plan to call him upon confirmation that DEQ is on the way.