Procedure to breach a dam [1]
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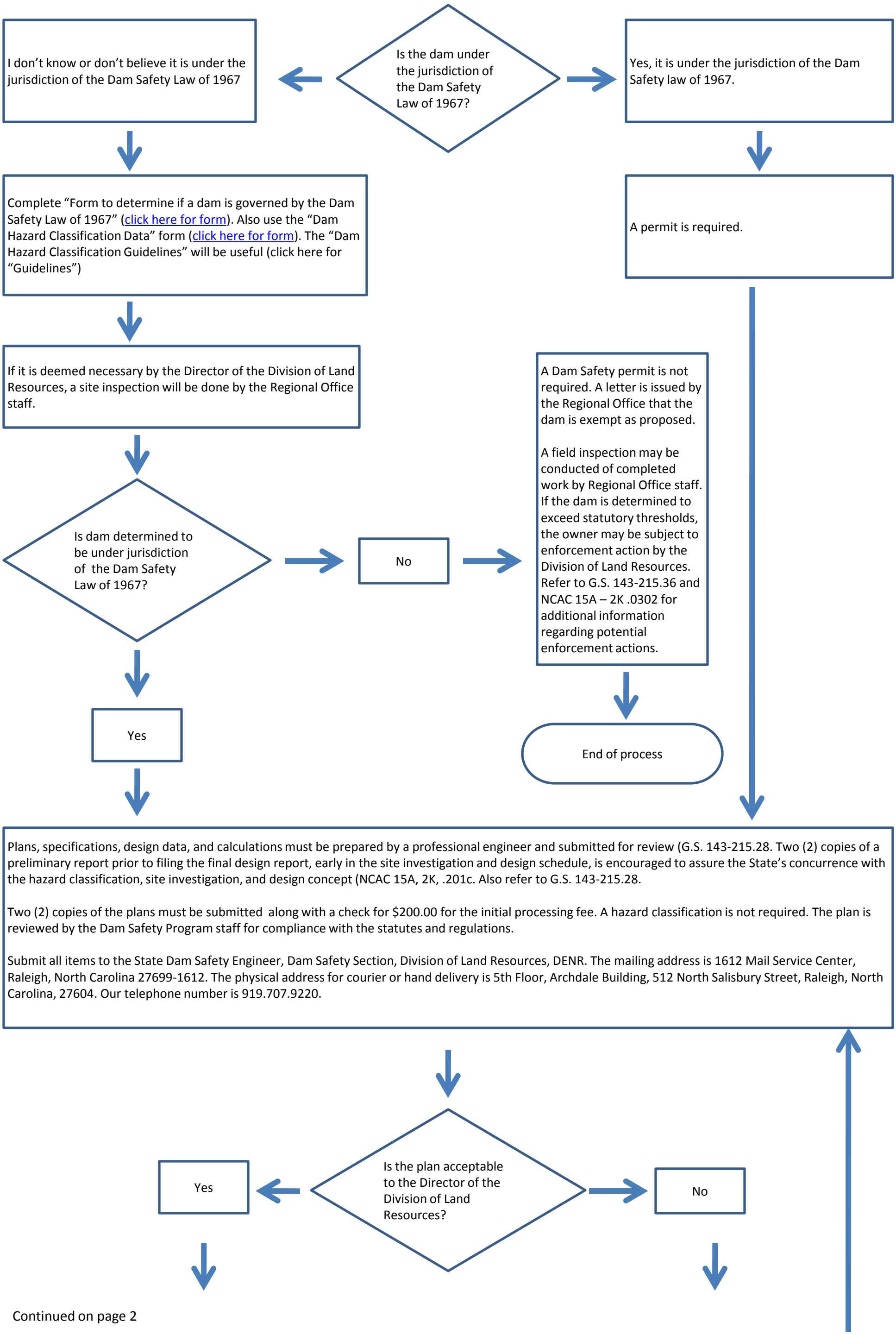

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An approval to remove / breach the dam is issued by the Director of the Division of Land Resources with any applicable stipulations.

A revision request letter is issued by the Dam Safety program's Central Office staff.

Dam is removed / breached under the supervision of a professional engineer.

Engineer submits additional information and revisions. Two (2) sets of plans are required in this step.

Two (2) sets of 'as-built' drawings, "Engineer's Certification," "Owner's Certification" (click here for form) and the "Additional Application Processing Fee - click here for downloadable fee calculator). Also see "Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual", click here.

No Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is required.

Dam is inspected by Land Quality Section Regional staff.

Are 'as-builts' accurate?

Yes

No

Dam is in conformance with the 'as-built' plans and documentation.

Dam is not in accordance; additional work, revisions or documentation required. Enforcement action may be considered G.S. 143-215.36 and NCAC 15A – 2K.032.

Approval remove / breach is issued by the Director of the Division of Land Resources or State Dam Safety Engineer; if appropriate, the dam is removed from the state dam inventory.

End of process

[1] For a glossary of terms see the 'Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual' and and navigate to its glossary. Click here to access this report.