

PUBLIC NOTICE
Federal Emergency Management Agency
In accordance with 44 CFR §9.8 for Executive Order 11988
NJWSA Spruce Run Dam Foundation Grouting Project
Clinton Township, Union Township, and the Town of Clinton
Hunterdon County, New Jersey

Notification is hereby given to the public of the intent of the Department of Homeland Security-Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS-FEMA) to provide federal funding to the New Jersey Water Supply Authority (NJWSA) as subrecipient for the proposed restoration of the Spruce Run Dam in Hunterdon County, New Jersey through Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant Program funds. The purpose of the BRIC Grant Program is to support states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. This notification is given in accordance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) and its implementing regulations in 44 CFR Part 9 and the National Historic Preservation Act.

The proposed scope of work consists of regrouting the existing dam as well as exploratory drilling to confirm the integrity of the dam and to determine if additional grouting is needed for other areas of the structure. Regrouting the dam will prevent further weakening of the existing structure.

This action would take place within the 100-year floodplain. Alternatives considered include: 1) no action, or 2) the proposed alternative, which is regrouting the existing dam. FEMA has determined that regrouting the existing dam is the most economically feasible, socially acceptable, and best serves the safety and interests of its local community. FEMA has also determined that investment of funds to reduce flood risk is in the public interest. Potential floodplain impacts are anticipated to be temporary during construction and minimized through best management practices and conservation measures incorporated from resource agency recommendations and required regulatory permits.

Comments about this project, potential alternatives, and floodplain impacts may be submitted in writing within 15 days of the date of this publication to: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency – Region 2 – Environmental Planning and Historic Preservation, Mitigation Division, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY, 10278 or via email to FEMAR2COMMENT@fema.dhs.gov. If substantive comments are received, FEMA will evaluate and address the comments as part of the environmental documentation for this project.