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Subject: Survey Results and Decision Regarding Updating the *Dam Operators Training Manual*

In July 2015, the Technical Service Center's Instrumentation and Inspections Group, with assistance from Reclamation's Asset Management Office, devised and delivered an informal survey to Reclamation's regional dam operations point-of-contacts (POC). The survey's purpose was to measure interest in revising and updating Reclamation's *Dam Operator's Training Manual*, last updated in 1996.

Survey results are mixed. Some POCs believed it was a good idea, and viewed the manual as a valuable training resource that should be revised and updated. Other POCs, however, stated they do not use this document for training purposes; in addition, a couple indicated they have never seen this document, and preferred using Reclamation's Directives and Standards and classroom/on-site training for new dam operators.

Please refer to the attached document for their individual responses.

Therefore, because there was no consensus among the regional POCs, and that revising and updating a nearly two-decade-old operations manual would require a substantial undertaking in its revision and review process, the Instrumentation and Inspections group recommends the manual NOT be updated at this time.

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