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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

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<i>To</i>	NAME, TITLE W. Marsh → <i>Phil M</i>	DATE 23 September 1986
	AGENCY, ADDRESS	
<i>From</i>	NAME, TITLE S. Bates	TELEPHONE
	AGENCY, ADDRESS WRU	

Subject: Cooks Pond Dam, Stratford

On September 19, 1986, I visited the dam at Cooks Pond in response to a request for a meeting by Mr. Ed Binkley, the present owner of the dam. Present were myself, Mr. Binkley and Bill McCann of the Town of Stratford.

Mr. Binkley described his intentions for repairing the dam. Commendable as they were, he was going about it in the wrong way.

Because the dam is only marginally under the State's jurisdiction, I did not push the point that work should be permitted with engineered plans required. I explained to him the problem with large rocks in the embankment (see pictures) and described a number of other more acceptable repair techniques.

I asked him to submit plans and a narrative demonstrating his intention for the repair of the dam. He will remove the present fill and wait for our comments before continuing.

*SJB*

SJB:ljc



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



March 12, 1985

J. Roger Shull, Esq.  
P.O. Box 401  
Stratford, CT 06497

Re: Cook's Pond  
Stratford

Dear Attorney Shull:

Please be advised that the above referenced dam has been duly registered as required by P.A. 83-38 by the former owner, Mr. Joseph Dewhirst.

In your letter of February 20, 1985, you indicated your client intends to restore the pond at some time in the future. The reconstruction of the dam will require a dam construction permit, which is issued by the DEP/Water Resources Unit Dam Safety Section. These permits are issued subsequent to review and approval of repair plans and specifications which have been prepared by an engineer registered in the State of Connecticut. The above permit will be required since the dam falls under DEP jurisdiction; i.e., the dam's failure could cause downstream property damage and/or loss of life.

I am enclosing a copy of Section 22a-401 through 410 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which deals with the Supervision of Dams and Reservoirs, for your information and a copy of a dam construction permit application.

Should you have any further questions regarding the repair of this dam please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wesley D. Marsh".

Wesley D. Marsh  
Dam Safety Program  
Coordinator  
Water Resources Unit

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Enclosures

**ATTY. J. ROGER SHULL**

COUNSELLOR AND ADVOCATE

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February 20, 1985

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Water Resources Unit  
Department of Environmental Protection  
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Hartford, Ct. 06106

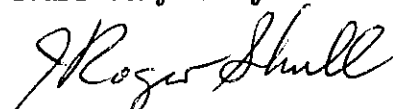
Re: Cook's Pond, Stratford

Gentlemen:

I represent a company which acquired indirectly from Joseph Dewhirst Cook's Pond in the northern section of Stratford. The dam was breached several years ago and the pond drained. The primary purpose of the acquisition is to restore the pond. The deed was recorded today.

I rather doubt that Mr. Dewhirst was aware of PA 83-38 relating to dam registration. Please advise whether the dam is in fact registered.

Yours very truly

  
J. Roger Shull

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