



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER # 212

**Proclamation of a State of Emergency  
Relating to the Inspection of Dams**

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall in areas saturated with continual summer rains occurred on or about August 18, 2007, causing widespread flooding in the State of Wisconsin; and

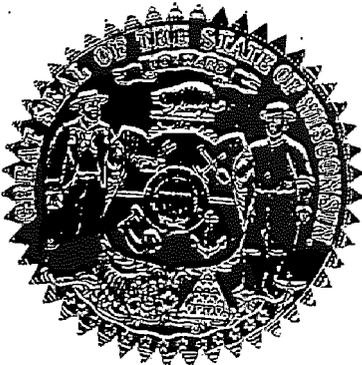
WHEREAS, the widespread flooding has caused potential damage to dams statewide, including those located on private property, that may cause substantial damage to persons and property in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, this potential for substantial damage creates a need to inspect dams, including those located on private property, to promote safety and protect life, health and property in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, allowing for the emergency inspection of dams is deemed necessary for the security of persons and property in the State of Wisconsin;

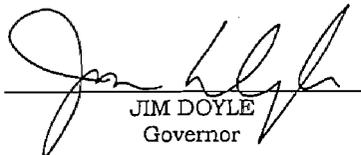
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIM DOYLE, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this state, specifically by Sections 166.03(1)(b)1, 166.03(1)(b)5, and 31.02(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

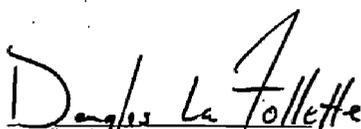
1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin with regard to dams, including those located on private property; and
2. Order that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its agents inspect any dam, including those located on private property, to insure the security of persons and property. The Department may undertake the inspection without prior consent of the owner, if necessary.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-second day of August, 2007.

  
JIM DOYLE  
Governor

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State