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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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July 24, 2026

Ms. Bonny Joplin, President
Indian Lake Owners Association (ILOA)
PO Box 808
Smithville, Texas 78957

Subject: **TCEQ Dam Safety Inspection for:
Inventory No. TX02712 - Indian Lake Dam
Bastrop County**

Dear Ms. Joplin,

We wanted to extend our appreciation for allowing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Dam Safety staff to visit the above-mentioned dam on November 12, 2025, as part of the TCEQ regular inspection schedule. We realize that some time has passed between the inspection and the delivery of this report, and we apologize for the delay in our response. We have completed our inspection report and have enclosed a copy of the inspection report for your reference. The primary items of concern found for the dam are summarized below.

Indian Lake Dam, a small size earthen dam, was found in overall good condition. Several items of concern included: benching erosion observed along the upstream slope, several longitudinal cracks observed along the downstream slope, negative drainage occurring on the two 4-inch PVC drainpipes, overgrown grass and brush growth observed along the spillway approach, and the location of the siphon pipe outlet is unknown .

Other non-inspection related items of concern included the need to finalize the Emergency Action Plan (EAP), prepare an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan, and evaluate the hydraulic adequacy of the dam.

Please review the enclosed inspection report and provide our office with a written plan of action by **September 11, 2026**, that addresses each recommendation in the report. It is understood that certain proposed corrective actions require time and your written response for these specific recommendations may be limited to notifying us of your timeframe to address the areas of concern. Please also be aware that any engineering reports or plans developed should be reviewed and approved by the TCEQ prior to construction.

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The TCEQ appreciates your assistance in these areas. Your efforts will minimize the owner's liability by reducing the threat to downstream life and property. If you would like to discuss this in further detail, please feel free to contact me at 512-239-0441 or by email at Jose.Ayala@tceq.texas.gov or contact David Trujillo at 512-239-5062.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jose J. Ayala". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jose J. Ayala
Dam Safety Section
Critical Infrastructure Division MC-177

Enclosures: Indian Lake Dam Safety Inspection Report
EAP Comment Letter (11/14/2024)