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Kansas Department of Agriculture to Host Dam Safety Seminar

Removal can be a possible solution for aging Kansas dams that may be unsafe or require costly upkeep. To update stakeholders in Kansas, the Dam Safety Program within the Division of Water Resources at the Kansas Department of Agriculture will host an educational seminar, "Dam Removal: Aging Infrastructure Options," on Thurs., Aug. 23, 2012, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wichita Area Treatment, Education and Remediation (WATER) Center, located at 101 E. Pawnee, Wichita, Kan. This seminar will examine start-to-finish projects, engineering issues, permitting requirements and other dam removal aspects.

Presenters at the seminar will include representatives from the Watershed Institute; the U.S. Corps of Engineers; the Division of Water Resources; the Kansas Department of Health and Environment; the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; and private engineering firms.

A tour of the WATER Center educational area and treatment facility will be included in the seminar. Reservations are required because of seating limitations. Contact Cindy Higgins at cindy.higgins@kda.ks.gov or 785-296-0573 to make a reservation.