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Public Act No. 18-113

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY ACTION PLANS FOR DAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Section 22a-411a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

After the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection's adoption of regulations pursuant to this section, the owner of any high or significant hazard dam or similar structure shall develop and implement an emergency action plan. The emergency action plan shall be updated every two years and copies shall be filed with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and the chief executive officer of any municipality that would potentially be affected in the event of an emergency. After an emergency action plan is developed and implemented in accordance with the provisions of this section, any update of such plan shall be limited to the components of such plan that changed subsequent to the development and implementation of such plan. The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, establishing the requirements for such emergency action plans, including, but not limited to, (1) criteria and standards for inundation studies and inundation zone mapping; (2) procedures for monitoring the dam or structure during periods of

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heavy rainfall and runoff, including personnel assignments and features of the dam to be inspected at given intervals during such periods; and (3) a formal notification system to alert appropriate local officials who are responsible for the warning and evacuation of residents in the inundation zone in the event of an emergency.

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