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Comments: There are now approximately 28,000 dams in the U.S. whose failure could cause property damage or a potential loss of life. More than 15,000 of these are considered high-hazard potential, meaning their failure would result in probable loss of life. To reduce the chances of a dam failing ......invest in repair and routine maintenance. FEMA web site ...The purpose of a dam .....is to store water or other liquid-borne materials for any of several reasons, to include human water supply, ...IRRIGATION,... livestock water supply...., energy generation, ....Containment of mine tailings..., recreation, ...POLLUTION..... or flood control. But what has happened over the last 8 years... Although maintaining the nation's public works was important, the focus is all Environmental issues went out of control over the past 8 years we do MORE reports and studies costing millions, to stop people and business in America. In its most recent Report Card for America's Infrastructure, the American Society of Civil Engineers gave the state of America's dams a "D," in part because about 4,000 dams in the country are in need of repairs and about half of those deficient dams could cost lives if they were to fail. Corp of Engineers has info on approximately 79,000 dams throughout the U.S, who is trying to work under constrained budget ......