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Comments: build more dams, Infrastructure for dams, Report , overall number of high-hazard potential dams is increasing, with the number climbing to nearly 15,500 in 2016. Due to the lack of investment, the number of deficient high-hazard potential dams has also climbed to an estimated 2,170 or more. 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. Many dams fulfill a combination of the above functions. 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 failinginvest in repair and routine maintenance. DAMS that are more than 25 feet high, hold more than 50 acre-feet of water, or are considered a significant hazard if they fail. The NID is maintained and published by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with information from all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and 16 Federal agencies. 700 dams it operates and maintains, . effective manner within a constrained budget said in report, According to one survey, the number of people who believed that "government is run by people who don't know what they're doing" climbed from 27 percent in the early 1960s to 63 percent in 1980. lack of confidence in government and concerns about the environment generated opposition to water projects. Another problem was the federal budget. Discretionary programs, such as water resources, became one way of showing fiscal restraint in the face of demands for increased expenditures for other programs. Infrastructure development no longer automatically means large construction and maintenance operations. It means developing management techniques, new approaches, to use our resources more efficiently and to reduce resource depletion instead of building and maintaining. effective manner within a constrained budget