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Mr. Joseph Kaltenbach  
Traverse City Light and Power  
1131 Hastings Street  
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Dear Mr. Kaltenbach:

We are writing in response to your request that we summarize the state of the Brown Bridge, Boardman, and Sabin Dams relative to the requirements Michigan's dam safety statute, Part 315, Dam Safety (Part 315), of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

We reviewed inspection information from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and inspected the dams to determine their condition. We find that the Brown Bridge and Sabin Dams meet the requirements of Part 315. Our review of the Boardman Dam reveals that it does not meet the spillway requirements of Part 315, because it does not have adequate spillway capacity to safely pass the half probable maximum flood, which is the design flood for this dam.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter further, feel free to contact me or Byron Lane, Chief of the Dam Safety Program, at 517-241-9862.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Brett Fessell, Grand Traverse Board of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians  
Mr. Dennis Aloia, Grand Traverse County  
Mr. Richard Lewis, City of Traverse City  
Mr. Burr Fisher, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Mr. Todd Kalish, MDNR  
Mr. Byron Lane, MDEQ  
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