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## **County Assists State With Gables Drive Dam Response**

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – In the interest of public safety, Cumberland County Emergency Services has been assisting state dam safety officials from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in their response to a potential breach of a private dam in the Country Club Hills neighborhood.

The DEQ Division of Dam Safety notified the County's Emergency Services on Dec. 9 that the state was monitoring an overtopping of the Gables Drive Dam. The state requested that the County send an emergency notification through the CodeRED system to residents downstream from the dam alerting them to the situation. The City of Fayetteville Police Department coordinated door-to-door notifications Friday night to advise residents that they should be ready to evacuate if needed.

The County is coordinating resources through North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM), which approved the utilization of three large-volume pumps from the N.C. Forestry Service to assist in the lowering of the water level of the lake.

Emergency Services Director Randy Beeman, Deputy Director Tim Mitchell, Emergency Management Coordinator Gene Booth and Fire Inspector Rodney Ward have been working in shifts around the clock along with N.C. Forestry personnel to assist at the site. Cumberland County Solid Waste continues to provide fuel during the ongoing pumping operations.

State dam safety officials are monitoring the situation and Cumberland County Emergency Services will continue to assist the state until the imminent threat of a breach is alleviated.

Questions about the state's response and the status of the dam should be directed to the DEQ, which is the agency that has permitting authority for dams. Media may contact Bridget Munger at 919-807-6363 or [bridget.munger@ncdenr.gov](mailto:bridget.munger@ncdenr.gov).

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