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Gables Drive Dam Update: Threat Reduced, Operations End

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C – Cumberland County Emergency Services reports that the immediate threat of breach has subsided at the Gables Drive Dam in the Country Club Hills neighborhood and pumping operations to lower the water level have ceased.

The N.C. Forestry Service is demobilizing the high-volume pumps that had been working around the clock after the water began overtopping the dam on Dec. 9.

“I wish to thank all who supported the emergency response of the imminent threat of dam breach and potential loss of life and property,” said Emergency Services Director Randy Beeman.

In the interest of public safety, Emergency Services assisted state dam safety officials from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in their response to a potential breach of the private dam. The County coordinated resources through North Carolina Emergency Management, 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.

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.

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