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**Explanation of changes:** Following is an explanation of the changes throughout the directive by section.

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Revises and updates entire Handbook. Significant changes in direction are as follows:

**05:** Moves select definitions from FSM 7500. Modifies definitions to agree with Glossary of Terms for Dam Safety, prepared by the Interagency Committee for Dam Safety (ICODS), and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**08:** Updates reference list and adds names and addresses of agencies, associations, and groups publishing reference materials related to dams and dam safety.

**10:** Changes chapter title from Project Files to Records and Files.

**40:** Changes chapter title from Safety Evaluation/Hazard Potential to Safety Inspections and Hazard Assessments. Replaces the term "safety evaluation" with "safety inspection" throughout.

**42:** Replaces the term "Hazard - Potential Evaluations "with" Hazard Assessment."

**42.3:** Adds hazard classification examples.

**53:** Adds direction on location of copies of emergency action plans.

**54:** Adds direction on testing emergency action plans.

**62:** Revises direction to exclude Regional dam or water resources engineer from serving on a dam failure investigation team in cases of potential or apparent conflict of interest.

**70:** Changes title from Dam Inventory to Management of Special Use and Other Non-Forest Service Projects. Previous direction contained in this chapter is moved to FSM 7514; moves direction from previous chapter 80 to chapter 70.

**80:** Changes title from Management of Special-Use and Other Non-Forest Service Projects to Planning and Design.

Completes previously reserved FSM 7520 and incorporates it into FSH 7509.11.

**81:** Provides guidance and definitions for four phases in the design schedule.

**82:** Provides guidance for planning and designing channel layout.

**83:** Provides guidance for assigning hazard classification.

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