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Support for Dam Safety in Ukraine

The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) is following the situation in Ukraine very closely as information becomes available about the military conflict with Russia and its impacts on dams located in Ukraine

ICOLD President Michael F. Rogers made the following statement:

“The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) expresses our deepest concern for the people of Ukraine during this humanitarian crisis due to the conflict with Russian military forces, especially concerning the safety of dams and levees in that country. As an important member of ICOLD, the country of Ukraine and its people are in the thoughts and prayers of the entire ICOLD family along with our hopes for an expeditious peaceful solution to this conflict.

ICOLD is an apolitical organization dedicated to the peaceful technical collaboration of experts for the safety of dams and levees in all countries. It is with heavy hearts that we watch the humanitarian crisis and destruction of property and infrastructure in Ukraine. We are concerned for the dams and levees in Ukraine that provide critical infrastructure for water, power, and flood control for all its citizens, especially the 23 large dams identified in the ICOLD Register.

As an organization of 104 countries, ICOLD brings together worldwide experts in peaceful collaboration for the safety of all dams and levees. ICOLD stands in strong support of the National Hydropower Association of Ukraine for the safety of dams and hydropower stations. The ICOLD family has many colleagues in Russia and Ukraine who have peacefully worked side-by-side with other global experts for many decades. It is heartbreaking to see such a conflict. ICOLD supports all our colleagues in the engineering and scientific community.

As we have always done through great crises faced during our 94 years of existence, ICOLD will continue to serve the cause of peaceful dialogue between engineers and scientists in the service of critical infrastructures. At an appropriate time, ICOLD stands ready to provide technical support to Ukraine for the assessment and reconstruction for critical water and power infrastructure. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go to the millions of people in Ukraine directly impacted by this tragedy as we hope for the safety of its dams.”

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Rogers', written over the printed name.

Michael F. Rogers

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About ICOLD

The International Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) was founded in 1928 to provide a forum for discussion and for the exchange of knowledge and experience in dam engineering for engineers and others concerned with the development of water resources. Its objectives are to encourage improvements in dam engineering in all its aspects, and in all phases of the planning, design, construction and operation of dams and associated works.

With a present total of 104 member countries, ICOLD leads the profession in ensuring that dams are built and operated safely, efficiently, economically, and with a minimum environmental impact. For more than 30 years, ICOLD has been particularly concerned to enhance the profession's awareness of the social and environmental aspects of dams and reservoirs, and to broadening its perspective in such a way that these aspects receive the same attention and conscientious treatment as the technical aspects.