



Press Release: Support for Dams Safety in Ukraine

Here is a Press Release from the President of ICOLD, Michael Rogers

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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."


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