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Prairie du Sac Dam project taking place this summer Spillway soil samples being gathered near facility to evaluate future improvements

PRAIRIE DU SAC, Wis. – July 12, 2017 – Alliant Energy has started work to gather soil samples from underneath the dam’s spillway on the downstream side of its Prairie du Sac Dam. The drilling will take place over the summer to obtain information on how to best proceed with future facility improvements.

“Our company is being proactive in doing this testing now to find out what actions are needed to further extend the dam’s useful life and have it continue to provide reliable, renewable energy for our customers,” said Amanda Blank, Alliant Energy site manager for hydroelectric generation. “There is no safety concern, but the facility is over a century old, and normal wear requires ongoing enhancements.”

Alliant Energy has contracted with Nicholson Construction to conduct subsurface exploration and soil testing for the project. There will be drilling equipment visible below the Prairie du Sac Dam and some occasional noise as the boring is taking place. Access to the property and waters around the facility should remain the same as usual.

“We do not expect any major impact on anglers, boaters or visitors to the area,” said Blank. “With safety being our top priority, per usual, we do ask that those on the river stay a safe distance from the dam and that people coming to the property be aware of any construction or work vehicles.”

The project kicked off the week of July 10 and is expected to wrap up by the end of October. The results will determine what improvements will take place starting as early as 2018.

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