

Dike Maintenance Act Approvals

To maintain the safety and integrity of dikes and to prevent detrimental effects on other parties and river processes, Section 2(4) of the Dike Maintenance Act (DMA) provides that a person or a diking authority must not make changes to a dike, or to the area adjacent to a dike without the prior written approval of the Inspector of Dikes (or a Deputy Inspector) where these changes include:

- changes or alterations to the cross section or crest elevation of a dike;
- installation of culverts, pipes, flood-boxes, utility lines, pump stations, or any structure through, on or over a dike;
- construction of any works on or over a dike right of way, including structures, excavations and placement of fill or other materials;
- alteration of the foreshore or stream channel where the works could increase flood levels or impact the integrity of a dike such as dredging, construction or erosion protection works, bridges and other in-stream works; and
- construction of a new dike.

When making an application for a DMA Approval an Application Form must be completed and submitted to the appropriate Deputy Inspectors of Dikes Offices and the local Diking Authority.

Web Site: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/public_safety/flood/dma_approvals.html