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RIZZO'S ADKINS ASSISTS IN SOUTH CAROLINA DAM SAFETY

A recent article on dam safety published by South Carolina newspaper the *State*, featured a photo of RIZZO's Engineering Director H. Grady Adkins, PE. The article, entitled "Floods, rain expose SC's flawed dam safety program" examined how the record rainfalls that occurred between October 1st and 5th in South Carolina have showcased weaknesses within the state's dam safety program.

Adkins is featured in the article's photograph, which was taken on the road bridge over the Upper Rockyford Dam spillway that was washed out by a flood along with the Lower Rocky Ford Dam. In the photo, Adkins was meeting with Homeowner Association Members, to survey the damages.

In preparation for the heavy rains and risk of potential flooding, RIZZO was retained by the Lower Rocky Ford Dam Homeowners Association to investigate the conditions of the dam and recommend alternate courses of action. RIZZO made a site recon, determined that there was a danger of failure by piping and recommended draining the lake. During that visit, RIZZO volunteered to quickly examine Upper Rockyford Dam and afterwards suggested that Upper Rockyford Dam be drained as well.

The Lower Rocky Ford and Upper Rocky Ford Lakes were both partially drained prior to the October 2015 flood, preventing additional damage.

Over the past few weeks, RIZZO's Columbia, SC and Pittsburgh, PA office personnel have been working with many dam owners throughout South Carolina to discuss the ways that RIZZO can assist them as a result of the record rainfall. For further information regarding RIZZO's Dams and Water Resources efforts, please contact our Vice President of Dams and Water Resources, Mr. John Osterle at john.osterle@rizzoassoc.com.

The article can be viewed on the *State's* website:

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38043186.html>