



How the Levee Safety Program & Public Law 84-99 Rehabilitation Program Work Together Today

The Levee Safety Program inspects levees at least once every 5 years using a standard checklist to monitor levee condition and identify specific items to be fixed during routine maintenance, and shares this information with the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program.

Levees that meet specific criteria are eligible through the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program for federally funded levee repairs after a flood event. USACE determines if a levee is eligible for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program using a subset of the items evaluated during a Levee Safety Program inspection. These items must receive acceptable or minimally acceptable ratings for the levee to be eligible for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program.

Continuing eligibility for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program will be reviewed any time a Levee Safety Program inspection is completed. Levee sponsors can request a levee be inspected sooner than the normally scheduled inspection.

INSPECTION CHECKLIST		18 ITEMS USED BY THE PL 84-99 REHABILITATION PROGRAM	
	LEVEE EMBANKMENTS	1 Encroachments 2 Closure structures 3 Slope stability 4 Erosion/bank caving	5 Animal control 6 Culverts/discharge pipes 7 Underseepage relief wells/ toe drainage systems
	FLOODWALLS	8 Encroachments 9 Closure structures 10 Tilting, sliding, settlement of concrete structures	11 Foundation of concrete structures 12 Underseepage relief wells/ toe drainage systems
	INTERIOR DRAINAGE	13 Culverts/discharge pipes 14 Sluice/slide gates 15 Flap gates/ flap valves/ pinch valves	
	PUMP STATIONS	16 Intake and discharge pipelines 17 Sluice/slide gates 18 Flap gates/ flap valves/ pinch valves	
	CHANNELS	Levees only receive a rating for the items they have. Each item can receive a rating of acceptable, minimally acceptable, or unacceptable.	

What if I receive an unacceptable rating for one of the inspection items used by PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program?

Levee sponsors can remain temporarily eligible for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program while addressing issues with their levee. Levee sponsors will be required to develop a plan to address issues with their levee and demonstrate progress to remain eligible for the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. Levee sponsors should contact their local USACE District for more information on the system-wide improvement framework (SWIF) process.

Proposed Future Changes to the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program Eligibility Criteria

USACE plans to change the criteria used to determine a levee's continued eligibility in the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program. The proposed criteria would assess preparedness activities specific to the levee's performance during a flood event. **No change will be made to eligibility criteria without going through the rulemaking and public input process.**

What does this mean for my levee's eligibility?

Currently, the only information used to determine a levee's continued eligibility in the PL 84-99 Rehabilitation Program is a subset of items in the levee inspection checklist that relate to how a levee is maintained. The future criteria are proposed to be able to account, not only for how a levee is maintained, but how it has performed in the past. This allows sponsors to take credit for their hard work in flood fighting and improving levee performance.

USACE is not working toward eligibility criteria that are out of the control of the sponsor, such as potential consequences in a leveed area.

PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, INSPECTIONS

Assesses how well levee sponsors address operation and maintenance and monitoring activities that can most affect levee performance, addressing the most critical items first.

LEVEE SPONSOR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Assesses pre-planned activities outlining roles and responsibilities implemented during a flood event, such as identifying stockpile of necessary supplies and equipment to operate.

SHARING INFORMATION

Assesses how levee sponsors have shared information related to the performance and operation of their levee with community leaders and emergency managers.

PARTICIPATION IN LEVEE SAFETY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Assesses levee sponsor participation in activities, such as risk assessments and formal inspections, and promotes developing stronger relationships between levee sponsors and USACE to encourage dialogue and problem solving.