APPENDIX A

Oklahoma's Historically Significant Dams - Category I

This compilation was collaboratively prepared by NRCS and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, following a comprehensive review and assessment conducted using data from the Damwatch and NID databases in March 2024.

No.	Watershed	Dam Name	NID #	County	Hazard Class	Yr. Built	Yr. Reh.	Owner	Comments
1	Cloud Creek also called Cavalry Creek	Cloud Creek Site 1 also called Cavalry Creek Site 1	OK01128	Washita	Low	1949		Washita CCD	The inaugural watershed dam in the nation was erected and officially dedicated on July 8, 1948. A grand national ceremony marked the completion of the structure, with notable figures such as USDA's Soil Conservation Service Chief Dr. Hugh Hammond Bennett, Oklahoma Governor Roy Turner, and Oklahoma Senator Robert Kerr delivering speeches to a crowd of approximately 10,000 attendees. Dr. Lloyd Church, chairman of the Washita Council of Conservation Districts, presided as the Master of Ceremonies. Fast forward to July 3, 1998, a commemorative event was held in Cordell, Oklahoma, marking the retirement of the first watershed dam to have fulfilled its service life. NRCS Chief Pearlie Reed, Oklahoma Governor Frank Keating, and Oklahoma Representative Frank Lucas addressed a gathering of 1,000 individuals. As part of the proceedings, a granite monument commemorating the dam's historical significance was unveiled at the Washita County courthouse. Representative Lucas also orchestrated a field hearing concurrent with the event, shedding light on the impending challenges posed by aging watershed infrastructure and exploring potential solutions. This event catalyzed a national discourse on potential federal involvement in the rehabilitation of aging watershed dams.
2	Sandstone Creek	24 Dams in Project							This national inaugural watershed project achieved a significant milestone with the completion of all planned dams between 1950 and 1952. Planning for this watershed endeavor commenced in 1946, setting the stage for groundbreaking progress. In June 1950, the construction contract for the initial two dams was granted, marking the onset of tangible implementation. By November 1952, the construction of all 24 dams within the watershed had been successfully accomplished, underscoring a remarkable feat of engineering and coordination. A historical marker is erected on US Highway 283 between Elk City and Cheyenne.
		Sandstone Creek Site 1	OK00944	Roger Mills	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 2	OK00943	Roger Mills	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 3	OK00015	Roger Mills	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 4	OK00030	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 5	OK00031	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 6	OK20680	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 8	OK00029	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 9	OK00028	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 10	OK00023	Beckham	Significant	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 10A	OK00024	Beckham	Significant*	1951		Upper Washita CD	*Originally built with a hazard classification of Low
		Sandstone Creek Site 11	OK00032	Beckham	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 12	OK00937	Roger Mills	Low	1951	2004	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 13	OK00936	Roger Mills	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 14	OK00935	Roger Mills	Low	1950		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 15	OK00934	Roger Mills	Low	1951		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 16	OK00933	Roger Mills	Low	1952		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 16A	OK00932	Roger Mills	High	1951	2008	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 17	OK00931	Roger Mills	Low	1952		Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 17A	OK00930	Roger Mills	Low	1952	2003	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 18	OK00942	Roger Mills	Low	1952		Upper Washita CD	

		Sandstone Creek Site 19	OK00941	Roger Mills	Low	1952	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 20	OK00940	Roger Mills	Low	1951	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 21	OK00939	Roger Mills	Low	1951	Upper Washita CD	
		Sandstone Creek Site 22	OK00938	Roger Mills	Low	1951	Upper Washita CD	
3	Wildhorse Creek	Wildhorse Creek Site 22	OK01192	Stephens	Significant	1957	Stephens CCD	Popularly known as Lake Humphries, this landmark dam holds the distinction of being the nation's pioneering example of dual-purpose construction, catering not only to watershed management but also fulfilling crucial roles in municipal and industrial water supply. Specifically, it stands as the primary water source for the thriving city of Duncan, exemplifying a harmonious integration of environmental stewardship and urban infrastructure development.