The US Levee Safety Coalition in cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is pleased to present a series of webinars on levee safety in the United States. Following the successful rollout of the International Levee Handbook, we are excited to announce our next series of bi-monthly webinars designed to share best practices, disseminate information and to facilitate a dialogue between federal partners and levee stakeholders, consultants, contractors and others in the levee safety industry. You are invited to join us for the first webinar September 24, 2018 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm EDT: “US Army Corps of Engineers, Levee Portfolio Report” presented by Eric Halpin and Noah Vroman, USACE.

The USACE Levee Portfolio Report was recently released for public review. While the data is specific to USACE portfolio, information presented in the report and covered on the webinar is applicable to anyone designing, constructing, operating or managing levees. The webinar is intended to highlight facts gathered from risk assessments of approximately 2,200 levee systems totaling 14,150 miles in length and provide a starting point for conversations at all levels of governance. We will discuss flood risks associated with levees in the USACE portfolio, relative importance of factors driving the risks, and the roles of USACE, other federal agencies, states, tribes, regional districts, and local communities in assessing, managing, and communicating levee-related flood risk. As a Nation, we know little about the condition or risks associated with levees outside the USACE portfolio and it is important to gain a better understanding from a national perspective of the risks and benefits levees provide to the Nation. USACE is currently coordinating with states, tribes, local, regional and private levee owner-operators to conduct a one-time inspection and risk assessment for all levees in the United States. The webinar will provide an overview of the ongoing efforts and discuss how inspection and risk assessment findings will be included in the National Levee Database.

Managing risks associated with levees in the United States will require diligence and cooperation among all levels of government, the private sector and the public. As progress toward the establishment of a National Levee Safety Program continues, the US Levee Safety Coalition webinars and the presentation of the USACE Levee Portfolio Report provide an opportunity to start this conversation. To learn more about the coalition and national levee safety objectives click here.

The webinars are brought to you by ASDSO on behalf of the Levee Coalition. To register for these FREE live webinars please visit Coalition Webinars.

About US Levee Safety Coalition: The US Levee Safety Coalition is a group of national professional organizations that have joined together to support and advance levee safety in the United States of America. Coalition members include the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO), the Deep Foundations Institute (DFI), the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA), and the United States Society on Dams (USSD). The coalition is committed to the common cause of preserving and protecting public safety, life and property through the responsible engineering design, construction, operation, maintenance, including as-needed removal, and management of the United States levee infrastructure. The coalition strongly supports the establishment of a National Levee Safety Program and works with other professional organizations, local, state and federal government flood management agencies such as USACE and FEMA on promoting good engineering practices, sound public policy and increased awareness and education within communities of practice and the public.