

October 12, 2021

Dear Neighbor,

I'm writing to let you know about a schedule change in our annual drawdown of the Hardy Dam pond.

Typically, in January the water level is lowered as part of a routine winter operational drawdown and is returned to normal operating water levels by May 1.

Like 2020-21, the process will look a little different as we prepare for a future project on the Auxiliary Spillway. We plan to begin the drawdown on November 1, 2021 and return to normal operating water levels by May 27, 2022 (Friday prior to Memorial Day Weekend).

We are committed to operating as a good neighbor and keeping you informed of the plans for Hardy Dam, which has served our customers with clean, renewable energy for nearly a century. You can find the latest news about Hardy Dam or any of our 13 hydroelectric power plants and submit questions at ConsumersEnergy.com/Hydro.

The future Auxiliary Spillway project at the facility is in the design and engineering phase. When the final construction schedule is approved, we will share dates and any required drawdown information for Hardy pond.

Don't hesitate to contact me at 231-779-5511 or email brooke.mctaggart@cmsenergy.com if you have questions about this year's planned schedule change for the Hardy Dam.

Thank you for your patience and continued support of Hardy Dam.

Sincerely,

