

From: **Whittaker, Frank M** <frank.m.whittaker@wv.gov>

Date: Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 12:13 PM

Subject: Re: FW: Emergency Purchase/Siphon Systems

To: Lyle, Tara L <tara.l.lyle@wv.gov>, Martin, Christopher <cmartin@wvca.us>

Cc: Larry D McDonnell <larry.d.mcdonnell@wv.gov>, Totten, Mark L
<mark.l.totten@wv.gov>, Alisha S Pettit <alisha.s.pettit@wv.gov>

Chris,

Your emergency request is approved. Please follow all emergency procedures outlined in the PurchasingDivisionprocedures handbook and return the completed contract to this office for public posting

Thank you,

Frank

On Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 11:41 AM Lyle, Tara L <tara.l.lyle@wv.gov> wrote:

FYI

Tara Lyle

Buyer Supervisor

Purchasing Division

304-558-2544 | Tara.L.Lyle@wv.gov

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From: **Martin, Christopher** <cmartin@wvca.us>

Date: Wed, Aug 27, 2025 at 10:42 AM

Subject: FW: Emergency Purchase/Siphon Systems

To: Tara L Lyle <tara.l.lyle@wv.gov>

Cc: Larry D McDonnell <larry.d.mcdonnell@wv.gov>

Tara,

Larry and I discussed details of the request for emergency purchase last Friday and I have made revisions to the request.

I understand he is out today but was hoping that you might have a few minutes to discuss.

Chris Martin

Procurement Officer/WVCA

Phone: 304-957-1405

From: Martin, Christopher
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:53 PM
To: Larry D McDonnell <larry.d.mcdonnell@wv.gov>
Subject: Emergency Purchase/Siphon Systems
Importance: High

Larry,

I am waiting for a final word from WVCA staff to request this.

I wanted to see if you would like to review it before I send.

Let me know if you think its ready to send to purchasing.division@wv.gov.

Let me know asap or by EOB today, because I have to get it out.

Thanks sir!

Chris Martin

Procurement Officer/WVCA

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WEST VIRGINIA PURCHASING DIVISION

Emergency Purchase Request Form for Central Purchases

(Purchases Exceeding Agency's Delegated Spending Threshold)

Statutory Authority: Pursuant to West Virginia Code §5A-3-15 and 148 C.S.R. 1-7.6, the director may authorize, in writing, a state spending unit to purchase in the open market, without filing requisition or estimate, specific commodities for immediate delivery to meet bona fide emergencies arising from unforeseen causes.

Follow-up Award Requirements: Effective July 1, 2024, agencies have delegated authority, upon written approval, to process all emergency purchases as agency contracts. Agencies must submit all contract documents to Purchasing.Division@wv.gov no later than 30 days of issuance.

Description of the emergency circumstance(s) that led to this emergency purchase request:
(What is the emergency situation? Provide detailed information.)

Proposed remedy:

(What is the item or service that needs to be purchased to remedy the emergency situation in the short term?)

Estimated cost:

(How much will the items or service cost to rectify the situation? Include total cost.)

Proposed duration/quantity:

(If a service is needed, how long will you need it until you can properly bid out a long-term solution? If an item is needed, how many does your agency need?)

When we first initiated the purchase of these siphon systems, there was great potential for an emergency situation at Upper Deckers Creek #5. As the flood pool is now approximately 17 feet above normal operating level and has been for some time, the dam has lost the capacity to hold and process significant flood waters in which this dam was designed. At the time, nothing was observed; but there was also a high risk for degradation of the dam itself due to the increased water level.

Upon recent inspection of the site, this high-hazard dam is still operating at maximum capacity; and we have observed multiple seeps in the dam. Seeps could lead to movement of sediment and ultimately causing a full breach. It is imperative that we acquire these siphons, so we are able to remove the blockage at the first orifice and restore normal waterflow.

Attached are before and after pictures of the flood pool. As you can see, a significant amount of water is stored upstream causing stress and pressure on the structure. The structure itself is not designed to operate at this high of water level for an extended period of time. This is the most likely the cause of the seeps on the downstream slope of the dam.

Also attached are photos of the seeps and erosion on the downstream face of the dam.





Photo description

Seep around collar



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Photo description

Seep LT toe

Downstream Enbankment Photos



downstream

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Photo description

Heavy erosion on toe