

# Small dam, big task

Craig Scott from MWH gives an engineer's personal reflections on managing an emergency dam decommissioning

Is that dam safe? Are my children safe? Will my house be flooded if the dam fails? These are just a few examples of the many questions asked of me after the August 2013 earthquakes which forced the emergency dewatering of the Haldon Range Dam reservoir in Marlborough, New Zealand, to protect the population of nearby Seddon.

At the time of writing this article I am following the flood and spillway events unfolding at the Oroville Dam in located in the US. Approximately 190,000 people comprising families, pets and

