



## **DIVISION OF WATER**

### **Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART)**

#### ***PURPOSE***

The Division of Water's (DOW) Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) members are the Division's point of contact for communities needing assistance during disaster response & recovery. DART team members are able to provide guidance on DOW regulatory requirements, permitting processes, determining project scope of needed work, and coordination with local communities.

#### ***DART TEAM MEMBERS***

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## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

### [Understand Your Flood Hazards](#)

*(Floodplain Permits)*

Flooding can affect anyone. It is Kentucky's #1 most frequent and costly natural disaster. Anywhere where rain falls, it can flood. Understanding your flood risk, and taking actions to reduce that risk, can make you and your community more resilient to flooding.

### [401 Water Quality Certification](#)

*(404/401 Clean Water Act Permits)*

Any person, firm, or agency (including federal, state, and local government agencies) that plans to work, or to deposit or place dredged or fill material, in streams or wetlands, should contact the DOW Water Quality Certification Section to obtain a permit.

### [Dam Safety](#)

*(Dam Permits & Inspections)*

The Kentucky Dam Safety section oversees dams that are defined as any structure that is 25 feet in height, measured from the downstream toe to the crest of the dam, or has a maximum impounding capacity of 50 acre-feet or more at the top of the structure.

### [FEMA Public Assistance Fact Sheets](#)

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### [FEMA Mitigation Assistance](#)

FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance provides funding for eligible mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses.