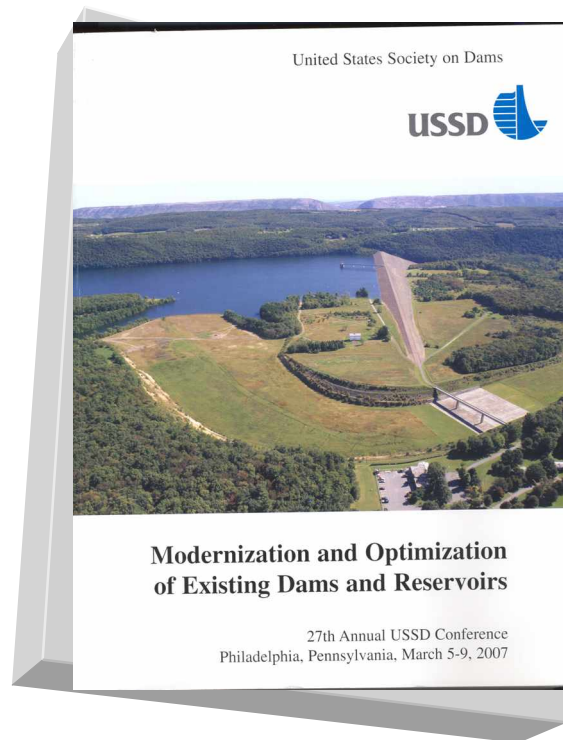


The 27th Annual USSD Meeting & Conference '2007



The 27th Annual Meeting of the United States Society on Dams (USSD) was held in Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) on March 5th ÷ 9th, 2007:



- *Committee Meetings.*
- *Conference with the theme of "Modernization & Optimization of Existing Dams & Reservoirs".*

The technical program addressed opportunities and technologies for dam owners and operators to help meet public and government expectation for achieving the maximum benefits from the extremely valuable existing national dam infrastructure. Topics included the use of risk and asset management tools to identify the needs and benefits of modernization; opportunities to increase storage and optimize operation of dams and reservoirs; and technologies, materials and skills required to implement these opportunities.

- *Workshops on "Evaluation of Earthquake Ground Motions" & "Scour of Rock Downstream of Dams".*
- *Exhibition.*
- *Field Tour of Beltzville & Blue Marsh Lakes.*

VNCOLD representatives led by the Chairman, Prof. Dr(sr). Pham Hong Giang attended the Meeting with the presentation on "Dam Development Strategy in Vietnam: Technical & Environmental Aspects " and met with USSD side. It was agreed that USSD & VNCOLD would make closer mutual relationship. USSD leaders and officers expected to visit and attend international meetings held in Vietnam in near future.



VNCOLD representatives met with the USSD leaders & officers: (1) K.A. Steele, USSD Vice Chairman; (2) P.A. Harding, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; (3) Pham Hong Giang, VNCOLD Chairman; (4) R.M. Lemon, USSD Chairman; (5) Nguyen Luong Am, Director of Engineering Contractor N^o47; (6) L. Stephens, Denver USSD Office.



Technical tour of the Beltville & Blue Marsh Lakes

The next 28th USSD Annual Meeting will be held in Portland (Oregon) on April 28th ÷ May 2nd , 2008.