Saddam’s Impact on the Tigris

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This article is about the Mosul Dam, built during the Saddam Hussein regime, which now has structural damage and is on the verge of breaking. The dam was built on unstable bedrock, and requires constant grout to be pumped underneath the base to stabilize the dam. If the dam breaks over a million people in the cities of Mosul and Baghdad could be affected. This situation highlights the importance of extensive research before building hydroelectric dams. The rush with which the Mosul Dam was built could turn into a disaster, all because of carelessness and Hussein’s goal of showing national superiority over Iran.

View of the Mosul Dam from a U.S. Army helicopter.

River or River Basin: Tigris River

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“Disaster Looms as Saddam-Era Tigris River Dam Verges on Collapse” 8 Aug 2007. [Link](http://www.alternet.org/world/59166/disaster_looms_as_saddam-era_tigris_river_dam_verges_onCollapse/)