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UPPCO Cautions Anglers Using Victoria Dam Tailrace Access

Marquette – Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) is urging fishing enthusiasts to use caution when accessing the tailrace of the utility’s Victoria Dam in Rockland.

UPPCO’s Generation and Environmental Services staff recently visited Victoria and discovered a natural slide, or slough, on the north side of the dam’s powerhouse near the tailrace. The slide buried a stairway that provided access to the tailrace. Because of the slide, staff has determined that the north side tailrace access is unsafe for recreational use and will be closed. The chief concern is that material from the slide and remaining material on the slope may shift or slide without notice.

Company officials noted that the public can still access the tailrace area by foot through a stairway located on the south side of the powerhouse. Visitors are urged to use caution when hiking down next to the tailrace channel.

“We wanted to let the public know about the changes in accessing this important recreational site,” said Jarrod Nelson, Environmental Consultant for UPPCO. “It is also important for people to remember that the Victoria Dam Hydroelectric Project is an operational facility and to use caution while recreating near it.”