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Behind the Spillway: Post 2

Hello! Spring is here, and if you've been around Lake Moraine lately, I'm sure you've noticed the temporary siphon system is up and running and that the drawdown has begun. Everyone around the reservoir should be receiving a copy of the postcard (pictured above) soon.

Those two black pipelines snaking their way down the existing Auxiliary Spillway are being used to release water for the 10-foot reservoir drawdown and to manage water levels throughout the duration of the project. With the recent onslaught of rain, we've reduced outflow from the reservoir to minimize impacts to those downstream including the Village of Hamilton. While all of the rain is certainly making everything very wet, it is important that we continue to make progress with the drawdown so the project remains on schedule. We'll continue coordinating with the village and we'll continue working hard to balance outflow from the reservoir with what Mother Nature throws at us.

Warning buoys have been installed in the water, and it should go without saying BUT: STAY AWAY from the siphon system.

I've been hearing from a lot of you with questions and observations. Keep reaching out. I'm always happy to talk. You can always email at jackie.schillinger@nypa.gov or call/text. My cell phone number is sprinkled throughout the project page.