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No.	Year	Date	River	Dam	Type	Acc. Type	Dead	Injury / Rescue
1	1974	4/4	Zumbro	Mazeppa	Hydropower	Boat over dam		1
2	1974	4/27	Red	Fargo-Moorhead	Low-Head	Canoe over dam	1	
3	1974	6/15	Rum	Kathio State Park	Low-Head	Canoe over dam	1	1
4	1975	4/13	Straight	Faribault	Low-Head	Kayak over dam	2	
5	1975	5/1	Chippewa	Montevideo	Unknown	Boat in spillway	3	
6	1975	6/27	Buffalo	Buffalo River State Park	Low-Head	Air mattress over dam	2	
7	1976	6/29	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #3	Navigation	Boat in spillway	1	
8	1977	6/17	Cottonwood	Flandrau State Park	Low-Head	Tubing over dam		3
9	1977	6/25	Cottonwood	Flandrau State Park	Low-Head	Tubing over dam	1	
10	1977	6/25	Rum	Anoka	Low-Head	Fell in	1	
11	1978	7/5	St. Croix	Taylor's Falls	Hydropower	Fell in	1	
12	1978	7/11	Otter Tail	Phelps Mill	Low-Head	Swimming		1
13	1978	7/11	Mississippi	Sartell Paper Mill	Unknown	Air mattress over dam		2
14	1979	5/31	Cottonwood	Flandrau State Park	Low-Head	Fishing in spillway		2
15	1979	7/14	Crow	Berning's Mill	Low-Head	Air mattress over dam	3	
16	1979	7/18	Cannon	Faribault	Low-Head	Fell in	1	
17	1980	5/26	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #1	Navigation	Boat over dam		3
18	1980	5/27	Red Lake	Crookston	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
19	1981	6/27	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #1	Navigation	Boat over dam		3

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20	1981	7/5	Sunrise	Carlos Avery	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
21	1981	7/19	Cannon	Welch	Low-Head	Tubing over dam		1
22	1981	8/5	Zumbro	Rochester	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
23	1981	8/6	Cannon	Byllesby	Hydropower	Fell in		1
24	1982	8/18	Minnehaha	Gray's Bay	Low-Head	Boat over dam		2
25	1983	3/7	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #5A	Navigation	Fishing in spillway	1	
26	1983	5/21	St. Louis	Scanlon	Hydropower	Fishing in spillway	1	
27	1983	7/9	Cannon	Welch	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
28	1983	7/29	Cannon	Welch	Low-Head	Tubing over dam	1	
29	1984	3/31	Cedar	Austin	Low-Head	Canoe capsized	1	
30	1984	4/15	Red	Fargo-Moorhead	Low-Head	Boat capsized	1	
31	1984	5/18	Cannon	Welch	Low-Head	Raft capsized	1	
32	1984	5/19	Mississippi	Little Falls	Hydropower	Raft capsized		2
33	1984	6/3	Red	Drayton	Low-Head	Fishing in spillway	1	
34	1985	4/30	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #5A	Navigation	Boat over dam	1	1
35	1985	5/25	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #5A	Navigation	Boat over dam		2
36	1985	6/8	Mississippi	Lock & Dam	Navigation	Boat over dam		1
37	1985	7/13	Rum	Kathio State Park	Low-Head	Attempted dog rescue		1
38	1985	8/24	Rum	Kathio State Park	Low-Head	Boat over dam		6

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39	1986	5/12	Straight	Owatonna	Low-Head	Fishing in spillway		
40	1986	5/28	Red Lake	Unknown	Low-Head	Swimming	1	1
41	1986	5/30	Kettle	Sandstone	Hydropower	Fell in	1	1
42	1986	6/28	Crow	Berning's Mill	Low-Head	Tubing over dam / Rescue	2	
43	1986	8/17	Sauk	Sauk Center	Low-Head	Boat over dam	2	
44	1986	9/27	Crow	Berning's Mill	Low-Head	Canoe over dam		1
45	1987	10/15	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #1	Navigation	Boat over dam		2
46	1990	6/11	Drainage Ditch	Unknown	Low-Head	Tubing over dam	1	
47	1991	5/11	Mississippi	Lock & Dam - St. Anthony	Navigation	Boat over dam	1	
48	1991	7/19	Cannon	Welch	Low-Head	Log over dam	1	
49	1992	7/2	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #1	Navigation	Boat over dam		3
50	1992	7/6	Ann	Mora	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
51	1993	5/16	Mississippi	Coon Rapids	Hydropower	Fishing in spillway	2	
52	1993	6/28	Cannon	Lake Gorman	Low-Head	Unknown	1	1
53	1993	8/16	Rock	Luverne	Low-Head	Fell in	1	
54	1994	7/23	Cottonwood	Flandrau State Park	Low-Head	Unknown	1	2
55	1995	7/14	Willow	Stanton Lake	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
56	1997	6/10	Otter Tail	Cascade Street	Hydropower	Swimming	1	
57	1998	6/25	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #1	Navigation	Boat over dam	1	

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58	1999	1/15	Red	Riverside Park	Low-Head	Snowmobile over dam	1	
59	2000	5/13	Crow Wing	Pillager	Low-Head	Fishing in spillway	2	1
60	2001	6/6	Vermilion	Crane Lake	Hydropower	Boat over dam		2
61	2001	7/4	Mississippi	Lock & Dam - St. Anthony	Navigation	Boat stuck above dam		2
62	2002	7/14	Grindstone	Hinckley	Low-Head	Swimming	1	
63	2004	6/7	Chippewa	Chippewa Diversion	Low-Head	Swimming / Attmp.Rescue	2	
64	2004	7/3	Zumbro	Lake Zumbro Dam	Power	Occupants fell asleep - boat went over dam		1
65	2005	4/17	Snake	Pine City Dam	Unknown	Kayaked over dam. <i>(four others in group portaged)</i>	1	
66	2005	6/2	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #3	Navigation	Personal watercraft, with 2 on board, lost power & drifted under dam's roller gates		2
67	2006	7/12	Mississippi	Wing Dam - LaCrosse Area	Channel Diversion	Boat went outside marked channel & hit wing dam underwater.		
68	2007	5/12	Mississippi	Lock & Dam #7	Navigation	Fishing boat did not start & was drawn into hydraulic current below the dam	4	
TOTALS							58	52