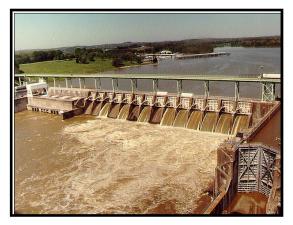
# TVA's Aquatic Resources Stewardship & "Vital Signs" Monitoring

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#### **Balancing Demands of the Tennessee River System**



Flood Control



Navigation



**Power Production** 



Recreational Activities



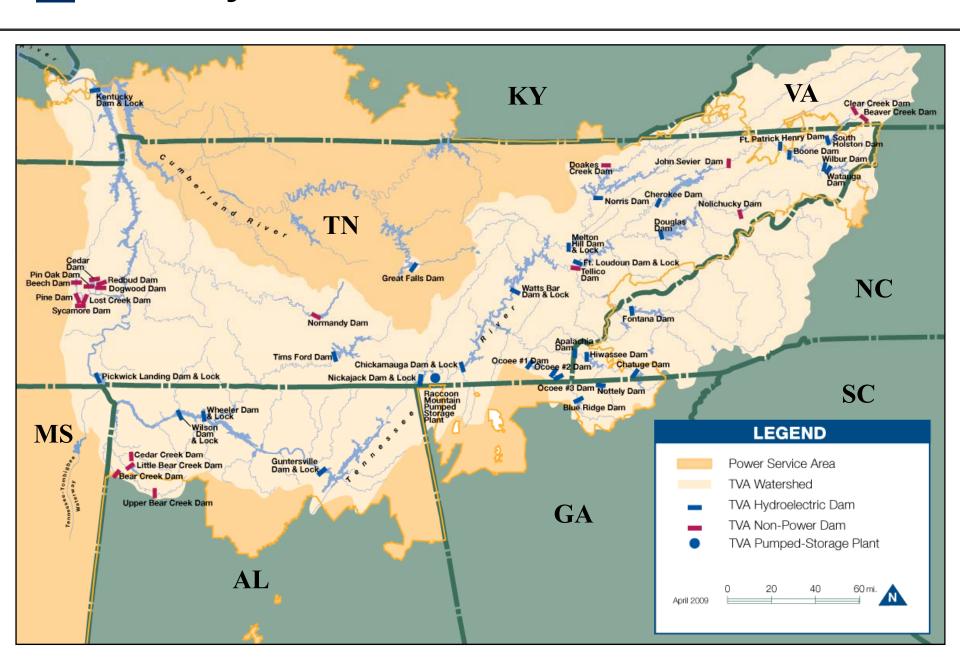
Water Supply



Resource Stewardship 2

#### TVA

#### River System

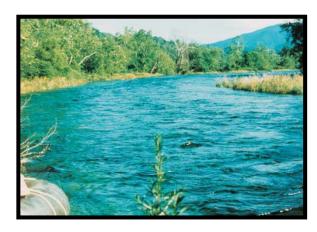




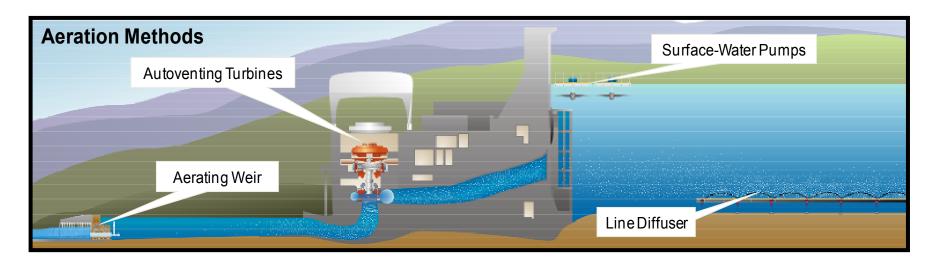
#### Lake Improvement Plan / Reservoir Release Improvement

- Maintains wetted habitat in 180 miles of river that was previously impacted by intermittent drying
- Increased dissolved oxygen levels in 300 miles of rivers downstream of TVA dams





Spent \$60M constructing capital projects since 1991





#### **Habitat Improvement & Restoration Efforts**

#### Aeration systems installed at 16 projects

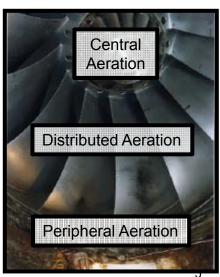
System	Location
Oxygen Injection	Blue Ridge, Cherokee, Douglas, Fort Loudoun, Hiwassee, Norris, Nottely, Tims Ford, Watts Bar
Turbine Venting	Apalachia, Boone, Cherokee, Douglas, Fontana, Hiwassee, Norris, South Holston, Watauga
Surface-Water Pumps	Cherokee, Douglas
Aeration Weirs	Chatuge, South Holston, Norris
Air Compressors or Blowers	Nottely, Normandy, Tims Ford

◆ Spend \$3-4M annually operating and maintaining projects











#### **Habitat Improvement & Restoration Efforts**

#### South Holston Tailwater







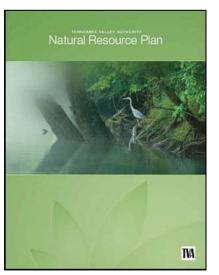






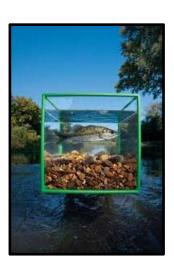


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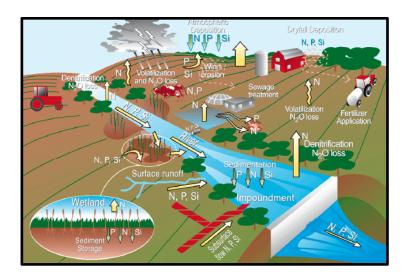


- Natural Resource Plan (NRP)
  - Shoreline Stabilization/Riparian Management





- Nutrient Source-WatershedIdentification andImprovement
- —Aquatic EcologyManagement
- —Stream and Tailwater Monitoring





#### **Vital Signs Monitoring Program**

#### Monitoring Objective:

Provide current and long-term aquatic data in support of TVA's power production operations and its stewardship of the Tennessee Valley.











#### **Vital Signs Monitoring Program**

- Core monitoring activities (Vital Signs):
  - —Reservoir Ecological Health
  - —Sport fish Assessments
  - —Contaminants in Fish Flesh
  - —Stream and Tailwater Ecological Health







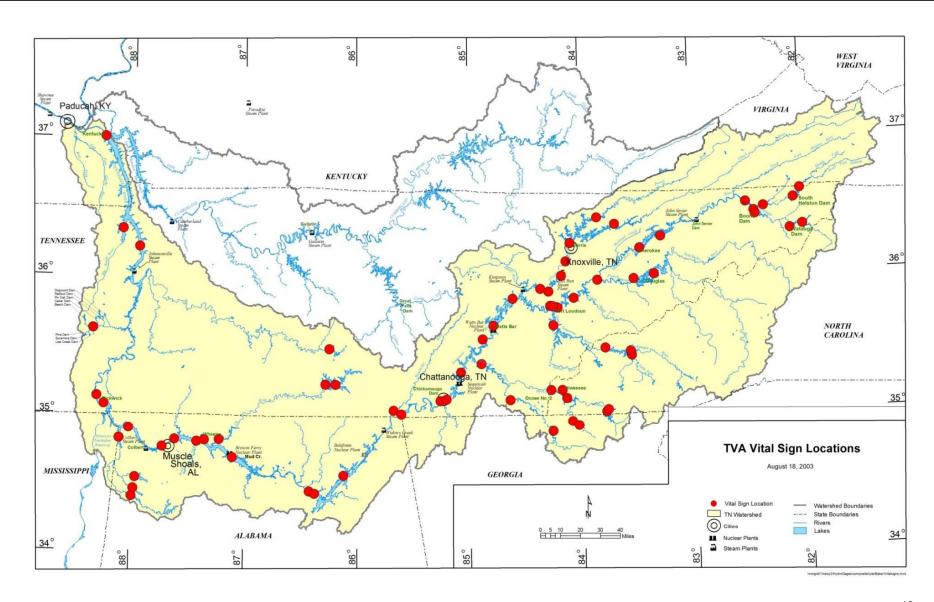








#### Reservoir Ecological Health Sampling Locations





### **Reservoir Monitoring**















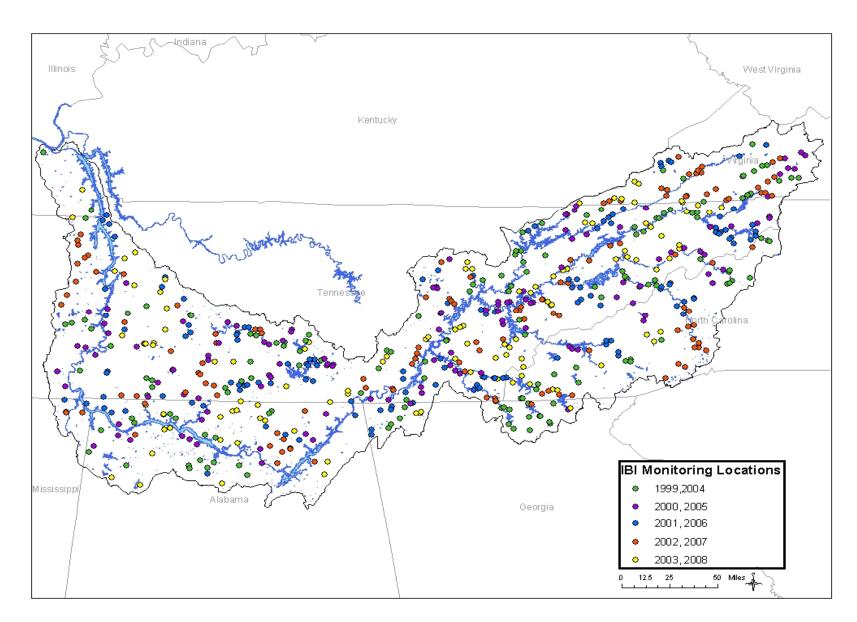






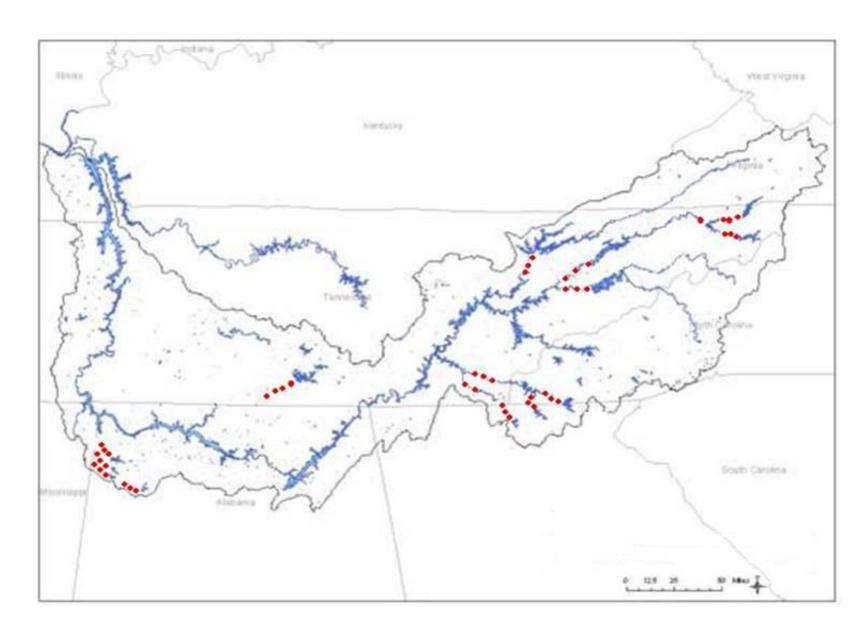


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### **Stream and Tailwater Monitoring**













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