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"The Boone Dam Weekly Update" is published each week to help keep TVA's stakeholders informed on the activities associated with repairing the earthen embankment at Boone Dam. These updates and other information are available at TVA's website: Boone Repair and via email distribution.

## **Environmental Review Underway for Boone Dam Repair**

TVA announced its proposed repair project to correct water seepage and erosion at the earthen embankment portion of Boone Dam at a July 30, 2015 public meeting in Johnson City. The repair involves constructing a composite seepage barrier inside the earthen embankment. (For more information on the public meeting and the repair, go to: <u>Boone Repair.</u>)

At the meeting, the public was informed that TVA would begin the project after it completed preliminary testing and site preparation work, brought a contractor on board, and conducted an environmental review, as required by federal regulations.

The environmental review process has begun, and TVA is inviting the public to provide input on the scope of the review and environmental issues that should be addressed during the review. The public may also submit relevant information for consideration in the environmental assessment.

This review will analyze the environmental impacts of the construction activities at the dam as well as the associated drawdown of the reservoir. TVA requests that input be provided by **September 8**. Input on relevant environmental issues may by submitted electronically in one of several ways:

- TVA's online environmental public comment form: TVA comments
- TVA's Boone Repair website comment submittal form: Boone Repair
- Email: boonelake@tva.gov

## or by mail to:

Matthew Higdon NEPA Review – Boone Dam Tennessee Valley Authority 400 West Summit Hill Dr., WT 11D Knoxville, TN 37902 Please note, this public comment period is limited only to environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed repair project. Since the July 30 meeting, TVA has received a number of comments from the public and stakeholders about the repair project. These comments will also be considered as part of the environmental review scoping process. If you have provided comments to TVA, you do not need to resubmit these comments via the online form.

TVA will complete the draft environmental assessment this fall and will make it available to the public for review and comment.

## **Updated Q&A Available on TVA's Website**

A number of Tri-Cities area residents have submitted questions regarding the repair work and associated activities taking place at Boone Dam through the TVA website and at the July 30 public meeting. A complete list of these questions with answers are available on the website at Boone Repair.

A complete unedited transcript of the public meeting, including the questions, responses and comments, is also posted on the website.

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