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CORRECTION - Version below corrects a math error in the first story.

"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.

Water Quality & Movement
With the lower water levels at Boone Lake, some of our neighbors have raised questions about the potential effect of the sustained drawdown on water quality and fish habitats. While it is true that the level of lake is lower than normal, the amount of water flowing through Boone is the same. On average, about 2,000-2,500 cubic feet of water – or 15,000-18,700 gallons – flow through every second. Some of this water comes from upstream on the South Holston River and some flows directly into Boone from numerous creeks and tributaries when it rains. This fresh flow keeps water quality high for both humans and fish, even if the water in the lake isn't up to its normal level.

TVA works with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency to closely monitor the overall health of the lake. You can monitor the status of the lake by visiting http://www.tva.gov/lakes/boh_r.htm.

Vegetation Management
While TVA works with state and local agencies to find the safest and best long-term solution to weeds and trees growing on the shoreline, property owners are free to mow or physically remove grass and vegetation on their own land. Remember that the exposed shoreline may have rocks and holes, so go slow and keep safety as your top priority.

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