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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.

### **TVA to Offer Volunteer Archaeological Site Stewardship Training**

TVA is looking for volunteers with a sincere interest in the protection and preservation of archaeological sites in the Tennessee Valley for TVA's Thousand Eyes Archaeological Site Stewardship Program. The volunteers will work with TVA archaeologists to monitor archaeological sites for vandalism and environmental damage. The upcoming training workshop will focus on archaeological sites located on Boone Reservoir. Those interested should visit this website <https://www.volunteer.gov/results.cfm?ID=15141>, complete the online application and be willing to meet the requirements listed in the on-line advertisement. A second application and background check will also be required. The training workshop will be held in the Johnson City/Gray area in upper East Tennessee on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### **Reminder: Environmental Review Input Needed by September 8**

The Boone Dam Repair environmental review process has begun, and this is a reminder that 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—one week from today**. Input on relevant environmental issues may be 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](mailto:boonelake@tva.gov)

or by mail to:

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Please note, this public comment period is limited only to environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed repair project. Since our July 30 community 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.

**[A View from the Site](#)**



An average of 90 workers are on site daily drilling and testing different grouting formulas for use during the full-scale repair project scheduled to begin soon.

### **Most Asked Question This Week**

#### **Will there be local jobs available?**

Once the primary contractor is in place, we anticipate some local sub-contractors and suppliers will be used. TVA will follow the project maintenance and modification agreement that is in place between TVA and the unions comprising the Tennessee Valley Trades and Labor Council. The Council is composed of the following International Unions:

- International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers
- International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers
- International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers
- United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America
- Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons' International Association
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers
- Laborers' International Union of North America
- International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers
- International Union of Operating Engineers
- International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades
- United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada
- United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers and Allied Workers

- Sheet Metal Workers' International Association
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters

In addition, any contract personnel are likely to take advantage of local hotels, restaurants and stores, creating additional economic activity in the community.

For other Frequently Asked Questions, please visit our website at this link: <http://www.tva.gov/boonedrawdown/faq.htm>

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