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### **Construction Update: Grout Plant Goes “Undercover”**

Safety is always the first priority at Boone Dam, and new covers installed onsite help protect both employees and materials used in grouting operations from rainy weather. The structures are also grounded, making them safe shelter in lightning storms. Luckily, they were in place last week to protect the team during two severe thunderstorms that moved over the dam. Having shelters close to the worksite also allows the team to resume work as quickly as possible, keeping the Boone repair project on schedule.

### **Boone Mailbox Question: “Can I remove the vegetation growing on my property and what do I do with it?”**

The short answer is “yes”, if you remove it by hand, use a lawn mower, weed eater, or a tractor to mow down the vegetation above the ground. If you are using motorized equipment, try to wait until the ground is dry to avoid creating ruts or further disturbing the ground. Any material you cut can be:

- Left in place to create a natural “mulch,”
- Collected and removed, or
- Safely burned on your property, if allowed by the county



Burning vegetation collected from your own property (not brought from other locations) is allowed if permitted by your county. Only vegetation can be burned and not household trash, tires or building debris. Before you burn any vegetation, please contact your local county forestry division to find out if there is a ban on open burning and/or to obtain a free permit: **Sullivan County** (423) 239-5811 or **Washington County** (423) 753-4011.



### **Meet Your Neighbors: Thomas Lee, Quality Control Lead**

Thomas Lee joined the quality control team at Boone Dam in January, bringing 25 years of industrial construction experience with him. “Part of my responsibility is to make sure that all procedures are implemented correctly during the drilling and grouting operations,” says Thomas. Prior to joining TVA in 2014, Thomas was a quality assurance/control lead at Duke Energy. Thomas is originally from Danville, Va. He and his wife, Charlene, have been married 21 years and have four children.

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