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<u>Construction Update: One Phase Ends & Another Begins</u>

Phase One of the Boone Dam Project officially came to an end yesterday after the final walkdown of completed repairs and improvements just downstream of the dam. Along with drainage improvements in the area, the initial sinkhole discovered in October 2014 has been repaired and a new Control Building parking area is complete. In the photo at left, the solar panel and equipment box is for a piezometer, a device which measures the pressure of groundwater at a specific point. This instrument at the site of the sinkhole will provide continuous monitoring of any additional movement in the area.

The exploratory drilling and grouting program on the earthen embankment continues with the arrival of the first overnight crew last night, signaling the beginning of 24 hour-a-day operations.

Keeping the Community Informed

TVA is committed to keeping the public informed about the progress of the Boone Dam Project. Last week, Project Manager Sam Vinson (shown in yellow in the upper photo at right) hosted a number of Tri-Cities media at Boone Dam to provide an up-close look at project activities. Along with highlighting the increased number of drill rigs participating in the expanded exploratory drilling and grouting program, he noted that the project is on schedule as 24-hour operations begin this week.

Project Director Keith McMillion (bottom photo) delivered that same message last week to the Johnson City Morning Rotary Club. His presentation ranged from discussions of the planning and design of Boone Dam in the early 1950s through its status today as one of the region's largest construction projects.



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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.

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