Public Notice - Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)
No Practicable Alternative for
Existing Enclosed Storage in the 100-year Floodplain

November 3, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) is proposing to issue Section 26a approval in categorical exclusion checklist 56985 for existing two enclosed storage spaces, each approximately 8 feet wide by 6 feet long, in the 1% annual chance floodplain at approximately Flat Creek River Mile 5.8 right descending bank, which confluences with the French Broad River at approximately French Broad River Mile 33.3 left descending on Douglas Reservoir in Sevier County, Tennessee.

Shown in the figure within the pink rectangle, the enclosed storage is located within the limits of the French Broad River 100-year floodplain and is therefore subject to analysis under Presidential Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

The enclosed storage spaces are existing. The associated cost to demolish and rebuild the enclosed storage structure outside the 100-year floodplain is not practicable to be put into practice successfully. Relocating the enclosed storage spaces could also pose damage to the structure. Any flood-damageable items stored in the enclosures will be elevated above elevation 1,003.0 feet. Therefore, TVA has determined that there is no practicable alternative to the enclosed storage remaining within the 100-year floodplain.

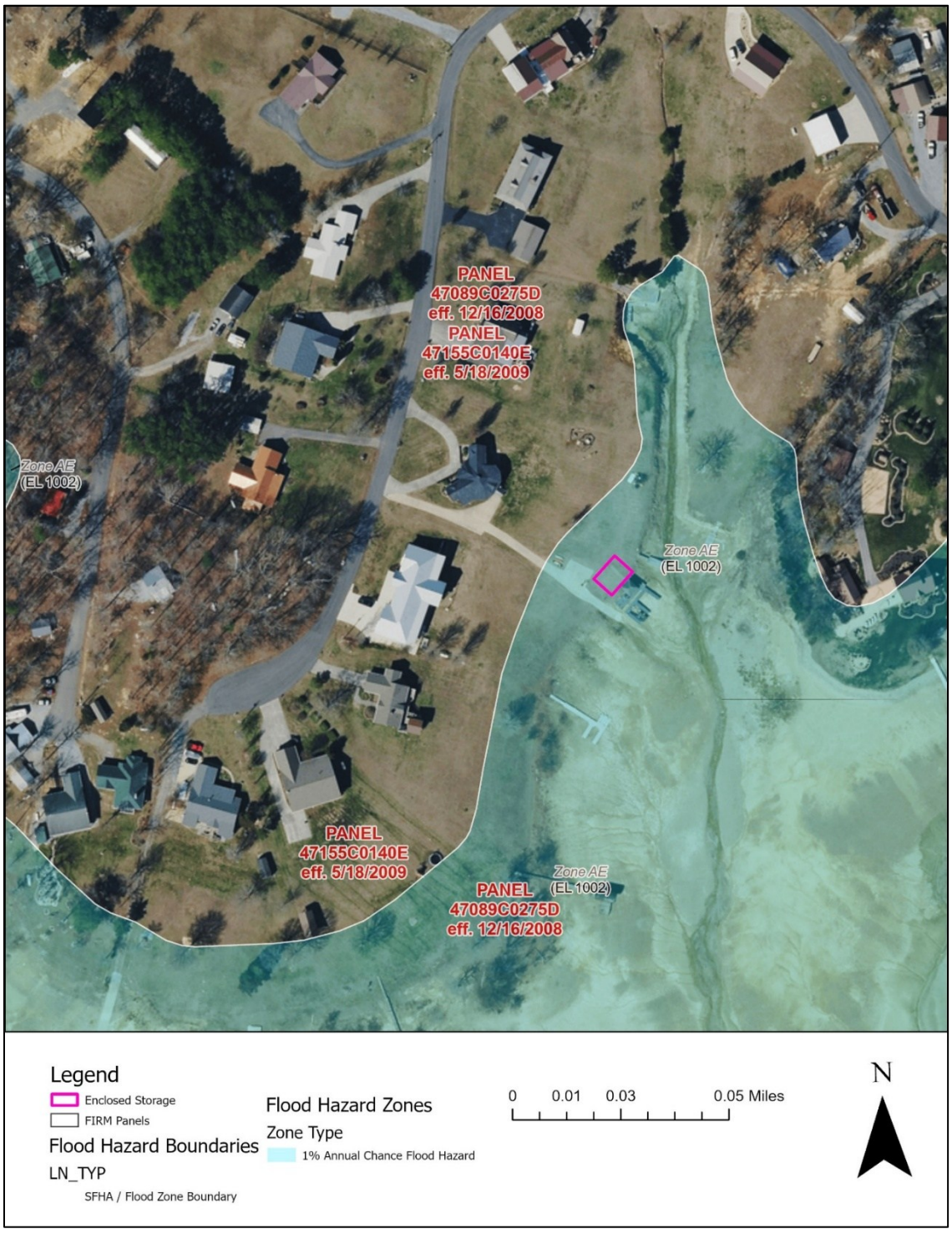
All practicable design measures to minimize harm to the floodplain have been identified by TVA. These measures include:

- Openings will be installed on opposite sides of the enclosed storage areas to allow the automatic entry and exit of floodwater.
- Any flood-damageable items stored in the enclosures will be elevated above elevation 1,003.0 feet.
- The enclosures can never be made habitable.

TVA has therefore concluded that the proposed project is consistent with Executive Order 11988 because:

1. There is no practicable alternative to relocating the enclosed storage outside the floodplain,
2. The enclosed storage spaces will be retrofitted with flood vents to minimize to the extent practicable harm to or within the floodplain,
3. The proposed project would conform with applicable state and local floodplain protection standards, and
4. Identifiable impacts to the floodplain are negligible.

Enclosed Storage in the 100-Year Floodplain



Any party wishing to comment on the action's potential to affect floodplains should email comments to gtzimmerman@tva.gov on or before November 16, 2026.