

Toledo Bend Reservoir - Dam Inspection

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The temporary lake level drawdown to the 165' msl elevation was reached Tuesday, September 21, 2010 and generation was ceased at 7:00 a.m. This elevation will allow inspection and necessary repairs to the soil cement face of the dam. Inspections made on September 21 indicated no further drawdown will be necessary. It is possible, however, that due to very low inflows and high evaporation rates, the lake level may continue to go down slightly.

The repairs are scheduled to begin Thursday, September 23 and, if all goes well, should be completed by early next week at which time the reservoir will be allowed to fill to its Operating Guide schedule for October - December of 168.0' msl as rainfall and inflows allow.

The public's patience and understanding of this temporary condition is appreciated.

Since it has been several years since a significant drawdown has occurred, this is a good time for shoreline owners to inspect and make necessary repairs to boathouses, piers, retaining walls and related structures. Construction approval applications for this type of activity can be obtained from the Sabine River Authority of Texas (SRA-TX) Toledo Bend Division Office (409-565-2273) for Texas residents or from the Sabine River Authority, State of Louisiana (SRA-LA) Pendleton Office (318-256-4112) for Louisiana residents.

Toledo Bend Project wants to advise everyone that the Antiquities Code of both Texas and Louisiana prohibit digging for or removal of any artifacts such as arrowheads, bones or pottery on public property. For more information on each State's code, or to report violators contact either:

Texas Historical Commission (512-463-6096)
(www.thc.state.tx.us/rulesregs/rrstate.shtml)

Louisiana Div. of Archeology (225-342-8170)
(www.crt.state.la.us/archaeology/legislation/chapter_13.aspx)

Once all the necessary inspection and repairs are made to the dam, the lake will be allowed to return to the regular operating guide as conditions allow. Future advisories will provide updates on the progress of the repairs.

For more information contact SRA-TX (409-565-2273) or SRA-LA (318-256-4112)

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