

Toledo Bend Reservoir - Water Releases

TOLEDO BEND PROJECT JOINT OPERATION

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Persons having interests in the Sabine River Basin below the reservoir, please be advised that on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 0700 hours, the reservoir elevation was 171.72 ft. m.s.l. Currently, one generator is out of service for repairs and is expected to be out for most of the month. The other generator is operating 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Based on the National Weather Service forecast, the reservoir will continue to rise and spillway gates will have to be opened. Due to the outage of the one unit, spillway releases will be initiated around 172.3 ft. m.s.l. in lieu of the normal elevation of 172.5 ft. m.s.l.

Interested persons should monitor current river and reservoir levels and reservoir release amounts since the river could reach flood stage and evacuation of persons, animals and property may become necessary.

Releases through the spillway gates, depending on upstream and/or downstream conditions, will be made in accordance with the Guide for Spillway Gate Operation for Toledo Bend Reservoir dated March 1994, as Revised June 27, 2001. The first step will be to open five gates one foot each.

Once the spillway releases begin, the local sheriffs' offices, as well as the Toledo Bend Project offices at the dam site will be able to give the latest reported river stages and river forecasts received from the National Weather Service, River Forecast Center.

Up-to-date reservoir elevations and releases may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project Joint Operation offices at the Toledo Bend dam-site on a twenty-four hour basis at 337/286-5253 or 409/565-2273.

Toledo Bend Reservoir is not a flood control reservoir and can experience significant rises in reservoir elevation in a short time span, as much as one to two feet in a 24 to 36 hour period.

Information on specific river gages can be obtained from the National Weather Service at the following website: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/wgrfc>.

Also, from the USGS at the following website: <http://tx.waterdata.usgs.gov>