

TOLEDO BEND PROJECT JOINT OPERATION

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DATE: **Tuesday, March 31, 2020**

TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR – POTENTIAL WATER RELEASES

Persons having interests in the Sabine River Basin below the reservoir are hereby advised that on **Tuesday, March 31, 2020** at **0845** hours, the reservoir elevation was **172.51** ft. MSL. Currently, **both** generators **are** operating **24** hours per day. If the reservoir continues to rise, spillway gates will have to be opened. Spillway releases will be initiated around 172.5' MSL.

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 downstream conditions, will be made in accordance with the Toledo Bend Spillway Operating Guide as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The first step will be to open five gates one foot each.

Once the spillway releases begin, the local sheriff's office, 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 as well as links to specific river gauges may be obtained from SRA's websites: www.srala-toledo.com, www.sratx.org, or www.setexasrain.org. Information on specific river gages can be obtained from the National Weather Service at the following website: <http://www.weather.gov/wgrfc> and from the USGS at the following websites: <http://tx.waterdata.usgs.gov> or <http://la.waterdata.usgs.gov>.

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