

TVA Installs Boater Warning System

The Tennessee Valley Authority installed a safety warning system at Melton Hill Dam to warn boaters of water releases. TVA spokesman Gil Francis said strobe lights will flash and a siren will blare to warn boaters of rapidly rising water downstream in the Clinch River.

Previously, TVA had only signs marking the area. Francis said several people have died when rapid water capsized their boats. TVA Senior Vice President of River Operations Janet Herrin said the system will be activated prior to water level changes, and “boaters and the public should quickly move to safe areas.