

Tennessee Valley Authority's Flood Drill

A "simulated emergency" was conducted Aug. 11th in a conference room at TVA's Knoxville headquarters, where TVA and other agencies were given weather scenarios based on a tropical storm sending record amounts of rainfall into TVA's coverage area. They had to describe what measures they would take to control flooding, and how they would communicate these steps to one another and to the public."

David Bowling, TVA's River Scheduling Management Adviser, said, "We are focusing on the communications element -- when this happens, who would you call and what would you tell them?" The exercise "was held three months after rains saturated the Nashville area, flooding much of the state capital's downtown area." According to Bowling, "it is an exercise that TVA conducts at least twice a year and has done for some time as required by federal dam safety guidelines."