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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers prevents salt water encroachment

FORT WORTH, Texas – In support of the Lower Neches Valley Authority Fort Worth District, the Corps of Engineers will release 2,000 to 2,800 cubic feet per second from Sam Rayburn Reservoir while the LNVA paints two gates on their salt water barrier. The releases are made to prevent salt water encroachment as far upstream as the water supply intakes for the city of Beaumont and provide fresh water for municipal, industrial and agricultural uses. The gate painting is expected to be completed in late October.

During this time of year, releases of 2,000 cfs from Sam Rayburn Reservoir and lake elevation of 158 ft. are common. The actual amount that the lake is lowered will depend on weather and rain fall during September and October.

Additional information is available by contacting Reservoir Control at 817-886-1551.

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About the Fort Worth District: The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil.