

ADVISORY #1 – March 9, 2016

TOLEDO BEND RESERVOIR – WATER RELEASES

Persons having interests in the Sabine River Basin below the reservoir are hereby advised that on Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 0700 hours, the reservoir elevation was 172.27 ft. MSL. Currently, one generator is out of service for repairs and the other generator is operating 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Based on the National Weather Service forecast, the reservoir will continue to rise and spillway gates may have to be opened.

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 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 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 may be obtained from the Toledo Bend Project offices on a 24 hour per day basis at 337/286-5253 or 409/565-2273.

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.

Information on specific river gages can be obtained from the National Weather Service at the following web site.

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/wgrfc>

Also, from the USGS at the following web site.

<http://tx.waterdata.usgs.gov>