

TVA Public Notice



Emory River Mile 1.7 to 2.9 Posted as No-wake Zone

Emory River Mile (ERM) 1.7 to 2.9 has been posted as a no-wake zone, shortened from the previously posted ERM 1.5 to 3.0. The main river channel continues to be accessible to the public, but caution is advised. Large equipment remains in the area as TVA and EPA continue recovery of the Kingston ash spill.

For safety, work zones will be marked and boomed off, and will only partially obstruct the main channel. **The public will not be allowed in the work zones.**

Additionally, EPA, in consultation with the TDEC and the Tennessee Department of Health, has lifted the River Advisory. They have determined that any coal ash remaining in the river presents minimal health risks to recreational users.

Casual contact with ash in the river should not cause skin irritation, although long-term contact could result in some irritation from sand-like particles in the ash. River users are advised, therefore, to wash after exiting the river, especially in areas where ash is clearly visible.

Please e-mail emoryrivertransport@tva.gov or call 865-717-1635 if you have questions about the reopening of the Emory River.

