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## **Corps of Engineers urges caution below Sam Rayburn Dam**

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, cautions fishermen at Sam Rayburn Dam to heed warning signals. Low water levels downstream of Town Bluff Reservoir, which is undergoing repairs, have enticed fishermen to walk or wade in areas not usually accessible below the Sam Rayburn Dam Power Plant. Their reluctance to obey the warning siren / horn which gives notice of immediate beginning of power generation, creates a potentially hazardous situation due to immediate increases in water height and velocity. Water release begins five minutes after the alarm sounds, giving fishermen ample time to gather their gear and head for higher ground, but ONLY if they begin to leave IMMEDIATELY upon hearing the alarm. Corps officials urge visitors to heed the warning alarm and exercise caution while leaving the area. Corps officials have also noticed a slow response to the warning siren / horn and posted signage, trying to “make one more cast”. Individuals failing to comply with these warnings are subject to enforcement action.

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