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Corps of Engineers, Lower Neches Valley Authority, and Texas Parks and Wildlife to Spray Aquatic Vegetation at B.A. Steinhagen Lake

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District at Town Bluff is partnering with the Lower Neches Valley Authority and Texas Parks and Wildlife to address the nuisance aquatic vegetation that has plagued B. A. Steinhagen Lake for many years.

The nuisance aquatic vegetation will be addressed by spraying a herbicide directly on the vegetation. This joint effort between the three agencies should begin to bring the varied and widespread exotic vegetation into submission.

LNVA, which owns the water rights in the lake and contributed \$2 million of the funding for initial construction over 50 years ago, has contracted with a licensed herbicide applicator to supply the labor and equipment to strategically spray herbicide by airboat from May through October. Local TPWD fisheries biologists will provide guidance for what plants gets sprayed, when, where, and with what; and the Corps, which owns and manages the reservoir as Town Bluff Project, will provide the herbicide.

Spraying will start at boat ramps and recreation areas, moving to more remote regions of the lake as the summer progresses and populations of water hyacinth, alligatorweed, and both common and giant salvinia begin to spread?. Efforts will also be focused on keeping the intake for the hydroelectric generators at the dam free and clear of clogging vegetation.

Boaters may assist in this effort by making sure they are not bringing any vegetation to the lake, or taking any with them when they leave, and by thoroughly cleaning their boats and boat trailers. Signs are in place at boat ramps to advise boaters of both the danger and penalty for transporting exotic aquatic vegetation from lake to lake.

For further information about this project, please contact the Corps of Engineers Town Bluff Project at 409-429-3491, or email floyd.e.boyett@usace.army.mil.

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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 military design and construction in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District web site at: www.swf.usace.army.mil . Photograph of George Williams is available upon request.