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Corps to temporarily lower lock and dam pool by 2 feet for weed assessment

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA – The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Savannah District](#) will temporarily lower the pool elevation at the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam in Augusta, Ga., by two feet on May 15 and 16 to allow planning for the removal of invasive water weeds within the pool.

The lowering was requested by the city of Augusta to facilitate improved access to treatment areas by prospective contractors, who will assess the problem and estimate the cost of removing the weeds. Once the contractor has been selected by Augusta, a treatment plan will be developed defining the requirements for a subsequent lowering of the pool.

The treatment will help fight the growth of invasive water weeds within the lock and dam pool, which have become a nuisance over the last several years. Weeds are a biologic problem as well as an operational maintenance problem to intakes. They also pose a safety problem for recreation activities such as boating and swimming.

The pool level is scheduled to be lowered to an elevation of 113.5 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 16. The Corps will slowly draw down the pool over the weekend to prevent shoreline damage.

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' [Savannah District](#) manages [three lakes and hydroelectric dams](#) along the Savannah River. It also oversees a multi-billion dollar [military construction](#) program at 12 Army and Air Force installations in Georgia and North Carolina. Corps' projects range from barracks, hospitals and clinics to equipment shops, headquarters buildings and aircraft hangars. The Savannah District also has oversight and maintains additional civil works projects – from the Savannah and Brunswick harbors to the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway.