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Portion of the Emory River to be Closed an additional 30 Days while TVA Kingston Cleanup Continues

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(Atlanta, Ga. – September 11, 2009) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) have brought in large hydraulic dredge equipment to expedite the removal of ash from the Emory River. To keep the river as safe as possible, the Emory River will be closed an additional 30 days beginning September 11, 2009, from mile marker 1.5 to mile marker 3.

The initial river closure began on August 11, 2009. No river traffic will be allowed through this area. After that time, EPA and TVA will review the situation and determine when the river can safely be re-opened.

EPA's advisory map can be found at <http://www.epakingstontva.com>.

Individuals requiring further information or instructions regarding recreational use of Watts Bar Reservoir should contact EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, Stephanie Y. Brown at 1-800-564-7577 or 865-717-1635.

For more information about EPA's oversight and response activities at the Kingston site, visit: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/kingston> and <http://www.epakingstontva.com>.