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To: High Rock Lake Pier Permittees
Re: Notice of Planned Drawdown at High Rock Lake
Date: September 10, 2012

I am writing to let you know about a planned drawdown of High Rock Lake that is beginning soon. The drawdown (7 to 10 feet) is necessary for Alcoa Power Generating Inc. (APGI) to stabilize a section of eroding shoreline next to High Rock Dam. This is not associated with a planned drawdown at Badin Lake involving the capping of sediments.

High Rock Lake will be gradually lowered over the next four weeks. It will remain 7-10 feet below full (lake elevation 648-ft to 645-ft, Yadkin datum) until late November, when we will begin refilling the lake. Our goal is to refill the lake as quickly as possible once the repair work is completed. The exact draw down schedule may vary due to rainfall and river flow. You can monitor the lake levels and find updates about this project online at www.alcoa.com/yadkin.

Please keep in mind the following information:

Be Safe: Low Water Levels May Present Obstacles

Exercise caution while boating during the drawdown. At low water levels, the exposed shoreline may be littered with debris and be extremely muddy. Also, underwater obstructions may be closer to the surface.

Buddle Creek Access Area May Be Closed

The Buddle Creek Access Area may be closed due to limited access. Other recreation areas, including Dutch Second Creek, Southmont and Flat Swamp, will remain open but launching and retrieval of boats may be more difficult than usual.

Repair and Maintenance of Piers // Excavation to Maintain or Create Boat Access

The drawdown period provides an excellent opportunity for repair and maintenance of private piers, and other permitted facilities, and for excavation to maintain or create recreational boat access. Any repairs or maintenance to permitted facilities must be done in accordance with the Yadkin Project Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), and necessary County building permits must be acquired. Excavation requires prior approvals from APGI, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the North Carolina Division of Water Quality, and the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (as necessary).

Shoreline Cleanup

The drawdown provides an opportunity to remove debris from the shoreline. Floating debris, litter and trash (bottles, cans, tires, plastic containers, Styrofoam, etc.) may be removed from the lake, lake bottom, or shoreline at any time.

The removal of dead trees, stumps or other woody debris in the lake, on the lake bottom, or along the shoreline must be conducted in accordance with the SMP Stewardship Policy and requires written permission from APGI.

The removal of artifacts, objects (tools, weapons, ornaments) of archaeological or historical interest, from the lake, lake bottom, or shoreline is strictly prohibited.

Protect Your Pier

Please take any necessary steps to ensure that your private pier or multi-use facility will safely follow the water level as it is lowered and raised, and to prevent pier damage or damage to boats and other personal watercraft.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete the necessary improvements at High Rock Dam. If you have questions or need to request permission to conduct activities under the SMP, please call 1-888-866-1063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marshall L. Olson".

Marshall L. Olson
Environmental and Natural Resources Manager