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## **Corps starts rehab of Island Creek facility**

**BOYDTON, Virginia**, September 8—Rehabilitation of the Island Creek facility at John H. Kerr Reservoir will begin on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, according to officials at Kerr Dam. To prepare for a two-week work period during which the Island Creek Pumping Station will be inactivated, operators are pumping the Island Creek impoundment down to a level of 255 feet above sea level over the weekend—about a three-foot drop in water level.

“We expect this to take care of any moderate rainfall we may get during the work period,” said Jonathan Jones, Resident Engineer. “If we anticipate heavier rains that could cause the impoundment levels to rise more than we want, we intend to bring the pumping station back on line.”

The contractor for the project, Atlantic Electric Company, will be replacing the high-voltage system at the station. “This is the first stage of a multi-phased project will completely renovate the the Island Creek facility.”

“During this phase of the project, the public will not likely observe any changes other than a slight drop in water level at the Island Creek impoundment, and the presence of some workers at the pumping station,” Jones said.

People interested in the status of the project may call (804) 738-6633 for a recorded message.