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## **GBRA dam spillgate work begins Thursday at H-4 Lake**

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SEGUIN.....The level of H-4 Lake at Gonzales will be 24 inches below normal beginning Thursday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 5 to allow the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority to conduct structural inspections and remove remaining flood debris from inside the H-4 dam spillgates.

The H-4 work is starting one day earlier than previously announced, said GBRA hydro system manager Allen Ognoskie because of the rapid progress made by the contractor in cleaning out the dam gates at Lake Wood (Lake H-5). Lake Wood will return to its normal level by late Friday, April 30.

Ognoskie said this work is part of GBRA's internal flood-damage repair program. Approximately fifteen dam spillgates at the six GBRA hydroelectric dams along the Guadalupe River must be cleaned of debris and inspected. "We will be working continuously from now until the end of June in order to complete all this work before the July 1 deadline we have received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)" said Ognoskie. "GBRA appreciates the public's patience and cooperation and will keep them informed of our progress."

Ognoskie advises anyone using H-4 Lake or Lake Wood for recreation purposes during this time to exercise caution, since lower lake levels may expose debris and other potential hazards that are normally underwater. In addition, area residents are reminded that Lakes Dunlap, McQueeney, Placid and Nolte are still operating under public use restrictions for motor-powered watercraft as authorized by GBRA's Board of Directors.