

**Presentation to
Savannah River Site - Citizens Advisory Board
Strategic & Legacy Management Committee**

Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)

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Purpose

- Update on drought conditions
- Interaction with other Agencies
- Potential drought impacts
- Contingency actions
- Implementation of Options



Drought Conditions

- The Central Savannah River Area is presently in a 5 year drought when considering both ground and surface water levels.
- Drought conditions are impacting Thurmond Lake levels and subsequent discharges down the Savannah River.

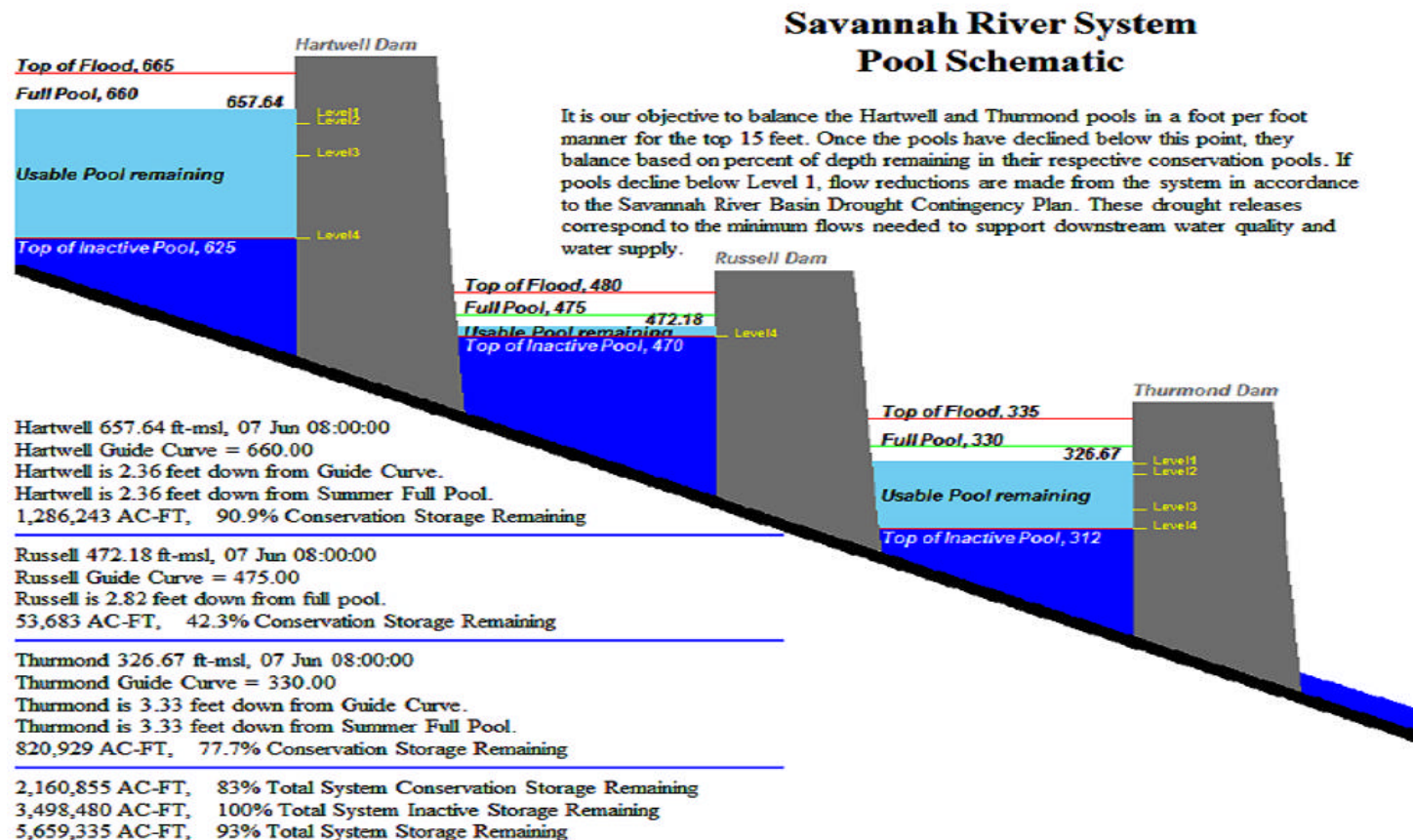


Interaction with other Agencies

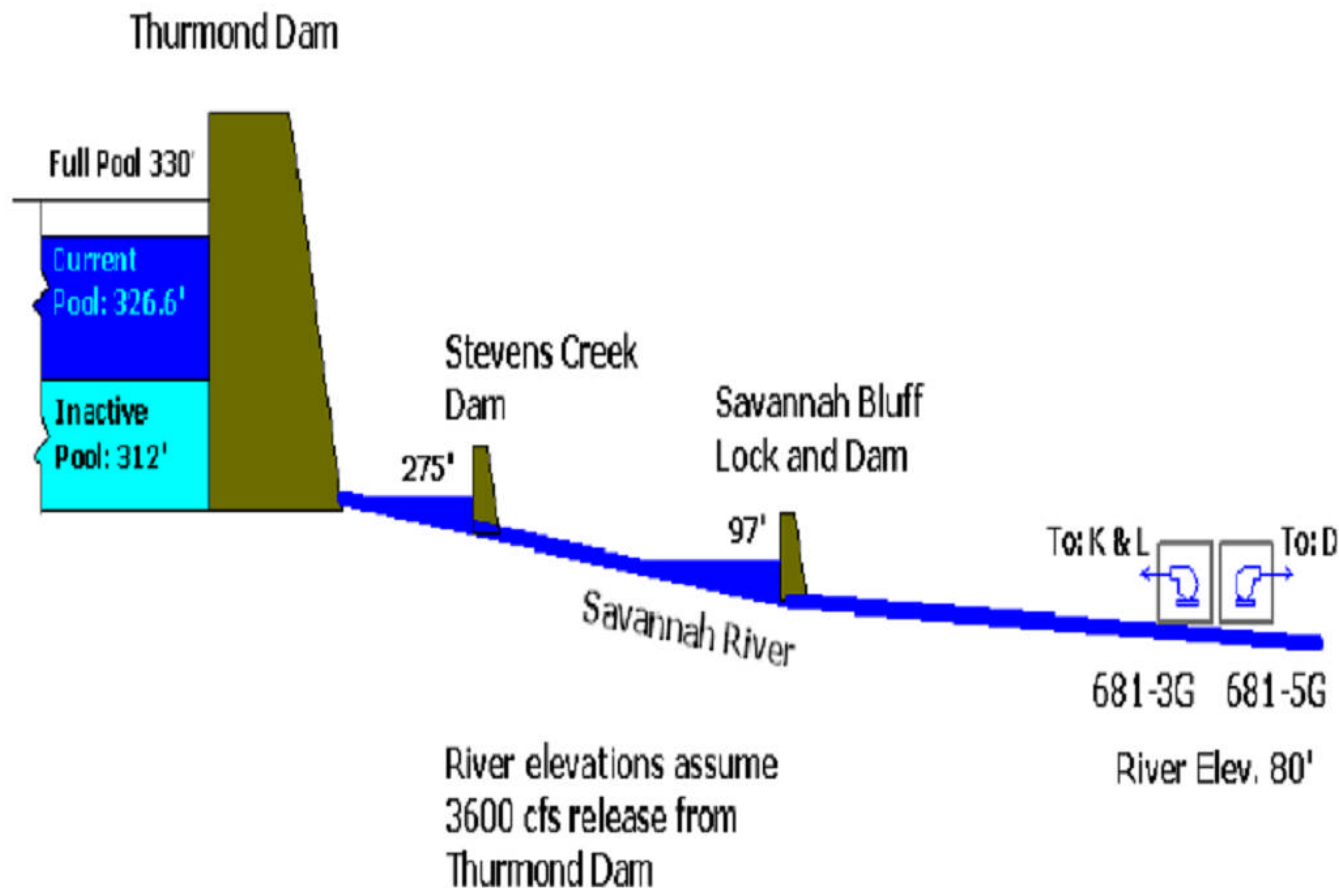
- SRS interacts with the following agencies on a regular basis:
 - South Carolina Drought Response Committee
 - U. S. Corps of Engineers
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



Savannah River Watershed



Savannah River Below Thurmond Dam



Minimal Pool Levels

- Minimal pool levels could result in reduced flow from Thurmond Lake which would impact our ability to produce steam & electricity.
- Corps of Engineers projects reaching a minimal pool level in Thurmond Lake (elevation 312 msl) by 2012 (Phase 4 drought level triggers full implementation of the Drought Contingency Plan options).



Drought Impacts

- Inability of SRS to perform mission
 - Inability to operate D-Area Powerhouse (5G pumphouse cavitates at river water elevation of 79' msl, 3G at 77' msl)
 - Loss of Steam
 - Loss of onsite electrical generating capacity
- Loss of fire water supply in L-Area
 - Fire water supply is provided by the river water system



Drought Impacts

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- Inability to maintain L Lake and Par Pond levels
 - Low water levels may result in environmental and radiological impacts.
- Loss of blending water for the sanitary waste treatment facilities in K and L-Area.



Drought Contingency Actions

- **Low cost / no cost actions**
 - Drought Contingency Plan and schedule developed.
 - Contingency Plan to acquire package boilers to maintain steam supply to operating areas has been completed.
 - All electrical needs can be purchased from South Carolina Electric and Gas Company.



Drought Contingency Actions

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- Alternate sources of fire water in L-Area and blending water for sanitary treatment facilities have been addressed.
- Working with regulators to gain agreement on Site actions if L-Lake and / or PAR Pond levels drop.
- River Water Alternatives Study for long-term options completed.



Implementation of Options

- Why are we not already implementing the options identified?
 - Recent lessening of drought conditions
 - Cost
 - Rough Order of Magnitude estimation for implementing identified options is \$2.6M per month.
 - Purchase all electricity
 - Accommodate the loss of river water



Path Forward

- Continue interaction with other agencies
- Continue to monitor river levels
- Continue to monitor meteorological conditions
- Continue to maintain and update option information

