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Glenville Dam Update: Water Level Down

FAYETTEVILLE - Fayetteville Public Works Commission has lowered the water at Glenville Dam to a manageable level, reducing the possibility of flooding to the basin area following a leak in a temporary dam. PWC engineers, along with County and City public safety officials, are monitoring the situation as rain falls through today.

PWC notified public safety officials of a leak Saturday in the dam, which is located in the vicinity of Murchison and Filter Plant Roads. The temporary dam is in place to hold back water as construction is being completed on a new spillway at Glenville Lake. After heavy rainfall on Friday, the water had risen near the top of the temporary dam. The leak was discovered as efforts were being made to reduce water levels and alleviate stress on the temporary dam.

Public safety officials notified residents and businesses downstream of the dam that they could experience flooding and if the situation worsened, they would be notified and should be prepared to evacuate as a precautionary measure. A temporary shelter at Smith Recreation Center, 1520 Slater Avenue, has been set up for anyone concerned about possible flooding in the area. It will remain open through Sunday night. As of 1 p.m. Sunday, no citizens had come to the shelter.

The situation remains under control with no significant threat to people and businesses downstream of the dam along Cross Creek. Should conditions worsen, the water basin impacted would include Little Cross Creek that flows into Big Cross Creek in the vicinity of Festival Park and empties into the Cape Fear River.

Citizens may contact PWC's call center at 1-877-687-0178 with questions.

See attached photos for comparison of the water levels.

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