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Okatibbee Lake set to close Collinsville Beach

MOBILE, Ala – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Okatibbee Lake will close the Collinsville Beach Area effective July 2 due to lack of rainfall in our area since April.

Okatibbee Lake is 2 feet 6 inches below the normal summer depth and this affects recreation activities. As of today, Collinsville Beach will be closed; however, Pine Springs Beach and West Bank Beach will remain open.

The beach buoy lines cannot be moved due to uncertainty of the lake bottom. The area outside the designated swim buoys is unsafe for swimmers for several reasons. The undesignated areas do not provide a level even beach surface, contain hidden hazards and put swimmers in close proximity to the boat traffic areas. Visitors are reminded to wear their life jackets when playing on or in the lake.

If the lack of rain continues, Okatibbee Lake probably will experience additional impacts to recreation. The outlook for the remainder of the summer months ultimately will depend on the weather and rainfall in our area.

For Okatibbee Beach and Park information call the Okatibbee Project Office at 601- 626-8413 and then press 2. For the Daily Lake Report call 601- 626-8431 and then press 3.