



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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FALCON AND AMISTAD DAM RELEASES RETURN TO NORMAL

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is decreasing the release of water from Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas, from 6400 cubic feet per second (180 cubic meters per second) to 2100 cubic feet per second (60 cubic meters per second). At Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, releases are being reduced from 1400 cubic feet per second (40 cubic meters per second) to 900 cubic feet per second (25 cubic meters per second). At both dams, the change will take effect at 4:00 p.m. CDT on November 5.

These are considered normal releases for both dams and no further public announcements will be made about releases unless flood operations resume in the future. Both dams had been in flood operations off and on since July due to tropical weather impacts that brought heavy precipitation to the Rio Grande basin over the last several months.

The elevation of Falcon Reservoir has been declining following a reduction in releases from Amistad Dam and Venustiano Carranza Dam, located in Coahuila, Mexico on the Salado River, a major tributary that flows into Falcon Reservoir. Inflows to Amistad Dam had dropped significantly in October.

Information about Rio Grande flow as well as storage and release data from U.S. and Mexican reservoirs in the Rio Grande basin is available on the USIBWC web page at:

http://www.ibwc.gov/wad/WAD_quickpick.html

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