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AMISTAD DAM ROAD TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL SAFETY ASSESSMENTS ARE COMPLETE

The Amistad Dam Road at the United States Port of Entry near Del Rio, Texas, will remain closed to complete geological testing, which was interrupted by an April 29 crane accident, and to inspect the dam for any damage related to the accident. Reopening of the port of entry will not occur until all safety assessments are completed.

The road had been closed since February 26 because of heavy equipment blocking the roadway while geological drilling and testing on the dam's earthen embankment were underway. The crane accident further delayed this drilling and testing, and thus delayed the road's reopening.

The damaged crane was successfully removed from the dam in August. Now, the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) inspecting the dam for any damage from the crane accident that could pose a safety concern.

Safety of the road's users and the soundness of the dam's structure are primary concerns, and all safety assessments need to be completed to assure the public is safe when using this port of entry.

The closure does not affect access to the Air Force Marina. However, motorists interested in traveling to or from Mexico are advised to cross at the Del Rio-Acuña International Bridge.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. In accordance with the treaties and other international agreements, the Commission operates and maintains Amistad Dam.

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