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**IBWC BEGINS STRUCTURAL SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT ON
AMISTAD INTERNATIONAL DAM**

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico (IBWC) has begun implementation of a structural safety modification project on Amistad International Dam, located approximately 12 miles upstream of the towns of Del Rio, Texas and Acuña, Coahuila. Amistad Dam was built by the Governments of the United States and Mexico between 1963 and 1969 for the purpose of storing and regulating the flow of the Rio Grande, in accordance with the stipulations of the 1944 Water Treaty. The dam has been operated and maintained by IBWC since its construction.

The project consists of the design and construction of an approximately 1.6-mile-long composite cutoff wall to reinforce the dam curtain on the Mexican side, with the objective of reducing the risk of a structural failure due to the presence of sinkholes and seepage within the dam.

The project will be carried out based on the recommendations of IBWC's technical advisors, which include personnel from Mexico's National Water Commission and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The costs of the project will be distributed between the two countries in the proportion established in IBWC Minutes 210 and 235: Mexico will cover 43.8% of the costs and the United States 56.2%.

Yesterday, August 29, IBWC issued a decision on the solicitation for preparation of the design of this project, which will take 6 months, so it is expected to be completed in March 2025. Once the design stage is completed, next will be the stage for project construction, which is expected to begin during the second half of 2025.

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