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POSSUM KINGDOM LAKE RANGERS TO SET UP FIREWORKS DISPLAY SAFETY ZONES

WACO, Texas (June 21, 2012) – Possum Kingdom lake rangers are taking steps to help boaters stay safe as they celebrate our nation's birthday while viewing the annual Hell's Gate fireworks show on Saturday, July 7.

Earlier in the day rangers will place buoy markers in the Hell's Gate area to establish a safety zone determined by the fireworks promoter. These buoys are to protect the public during the display and boaters are not to moor within the marked off area. Mooring or attaching to buoys is a violation of BRA's lake regulations. About 7 p.m. the main entrance into Hell's Gate will be closed and rangers will direct traffic around Devil's Island. People will be able to enter and exit through the north entrance. For additional information, contact the Possum Kingdom Lake Office at 940-779-2321.

About the Brazos River Authority

The Brazos River Authority, with headquarters in Waco, is the oldest river authority in Texas. Created by the Texas Legislature in 1929, the Authority's 42,000 square-mile territory includes all or part of 70 counties; extending from the Texas-New Mexico border west of Lubbock to the Gulf of Mexico near Freeport.

The Authority built, owns, and operates three reservoirs (Lakes Possum Kingdom, Granbury, and Limestone). In addition to these water supply reservoirs, the Authority contracts with the Corps of Engineers for the water supply storage space at eight federal multi-purpose flood control and water conservation reservoirs (Lakes Whitney, Belton, Proctor, Somerville, Stillhouse Hollow, Granger, Georgetown and Aquilla).

The Brazos River Authority operates a regional wastewater system for the cities of Temple-Belton and the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System for the City of Round Rock. The Authority also operates wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Georgetown, Dime Box, Clute-Richwood, Sugar Land, Hutto and Liberty Hill.

The Authority owns and operates the East Williamson County Regional Water System for the City of Taylor. The Authority also operates potable water treatment plant for the cities of Dime Box and Leander.

The Authority engages in water quality monitoring activities throughout the Brazos River basin. As a member of the Texas Clean River Program, the Authority samples and tests water from 141 locations throughout the basin on either a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

For further information on the Brazos River Authority, please contact Judi Pierce, Public Information Officer at 254-761-3103.