



How to Apply for a TVA & USACE Permit for Minor Water-Use Facilities

The information needed by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to review your request is described in this package.

Section 26a of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act, as amended, prohibits the construction, operation, or maintenance of any structure affecting navigation, flood control, or public lands or reservations across, along, or in the Tennessee River or any of its tributaries until plans for such construction, operation, or maintenance have been submitted to and approved by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

What is involved in TVA's review?

TVA reviews your plans in relation to its interests, which include navigation, flood control, and public lands or reservations in accordance with Section 26a of the TVA Act. These reviews are subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) which requires consideration of environmental impacts along with other factors in our review.

How long will it take?

The time needed to complete a permit review depends on the nature of your request, its location, and the level of environmental review needed. Typically, minor water-use facilities located in approvable areas are reviewed within 30 days from the time we receive all needed information.

What does it cost?

TVA currently charges for processing Section 26a permit applications. Please refer to the sheet entitled: **TVA Section 26a Application Processing Fees.**

How do I apply?

1. Fill out, **sign**, and **date** the enclosed TVA/USACE joint application form.
2. Prepare a plan or use the enclosed example(s) showing dimensions of all facilities proposed for construction and how they will be positioned along the shoreline in front of your property with two or more photographs of the shoreline.
3. Mark the location of all proposed structures on the enclosed map(s).
4. Enclose a check or money order payable to **Tennessee Valley Authority.**
5. Mail the completed application form, plans, map(s) and other information to:

Tennessee Valley Authority

Watershed Team Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

After receiving your application, appropriate processing fee, plans, and map(s), TVA will begin its review of your request. You are responsible for proper design and construction of your facility.

Will I need any other permits?

In most cases you will also need a permit from the USACE. *TVA will automatically provide a copy of your application, as necessary, to the appropriate USACE office for their review.* In addition, you may need other state or local permits or approvals for your activity.

Where can I get more information?

Additional information is available on TVA's Web site: **www.tva.com**. If you have specific questions, call 1-800-TVA-LAND.



Basic Information Needed for Review of Your Minor Water-Use Facility

What is needed for TVA's review?

A complete TVA Section 26a permit application for a minor water-use facility should include:

1. Completed, **signed** and **dated** application form
2. Plan or drawing of the proposed project with two or more photos of the area to be affected
3. Location map, and
4. Check or money order for the permit application processing fee.

1. Completed Application Form:

Application forms are available from your local TVA Watershed Team Office. Each application is accompanied by detailed instructions. The application should include a project description which indicates what is to be built, removed, or modified, and the sequence of the work.

2. Project Sketch, Plan or Drawing:

The project plan/drawing must accompany the application. It should:

- Be prepared on paper suitable for reproduction (8 ½ x 11 inches);
- Identify the kind of structure, purpose/intended use;
- Show principal dimensions, size, and location in relation to shoreline;
- Show the height of the structure above the water; and
- Indicate the river or reservoir name; river mile (if known); locator landmarks; and direction of water flow if known.

3. Location Map:

The location map should clearly show the location of the proposed facility and the extent of any site disturbance for the proposed project. An 8 ½ x 11-inch copy of one of the following is ideal: a TVA land map, a subdivision map, or a portion of a U.S.G.S. topographic map. Be sure to include your subdivision name and lot number if applicable. Also, include the map number or name, if available. Recent photos of the location are also helpful.

Helpful hints for designing your facility:

- An enclosed space such as a locker or storage room on TVA property or on a facility over the water cannot exceed 32 square feet of total space.
- Access walkways cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- Interior boathouse walkways cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- Flotation devices for floating structures must be made of commercially manufactured flotation. If styrofoam is used, it must be encased. Metal or plastic barrels, drums or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.
- Docks should not exceed a 1000-square foot footprint of total space (this measurement excludes the access walkway).
- The length of the facility may never exceed 150 feet or extend more than 1/3 of the distance to the opposite bank.

Send to the Watershed Team Office serving your location:

Boone, Bristol Projects, Fort Patrick Henry, South Holston, Watauga, and Wilbur:
106 Tri-Cities Business Park Drive
(WTR 1A-GRT)
Gray, Tennessee 37615
(423) 467-3800

Cherokee, Douglas:
3726 E. Morris Boulevard
(MOC 1A-MOT)
Morristown, TN 37813-1270
(423) 585-2120

Melton Hill, Norris, Watts Bar:
260 Interchange Park Drive
(LCB 1A-LCT)
Lenoir City, TN 37772-5664
(865) 632-1320

Fontana, Fort Loudoun, Tellico:
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Lenoir City, TN 37772-5664
(865) 632-1300

Hiwassee, Chatuge, Apalachia, Blue Ridge, Nottely, Ocoees:
201 Old Ranger Road
(MLO 1A-MRN)
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-7395

Chickamauga, Nickajack:
1101 Market Street
(PSC 1E-C)
Chattanooga, TN 37402-2801
423-876-6706

Guntersville, Normandy, Tims Ford:
3696 Alabama Highway 69
(CAB 1A-GVA)
Guntersville, AL 35976-7196
256-571-4280

Bear Creek Project, Pickwick, Wheeler, Wilson:
Reservation Road
(SB 1H-M)
Post Office Box 1010
Muscle Shoals, AL 35660-1010
(256) 386-2560

Beech River Project, Kentucky:
2835-A East Wood Street
(WTB 1A-PAT)
Paris, TN 38242-5948
(731) 641-2000



Information Needed for Minor Fixed Dock Applications

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

Tennessee Valley

Authority

for the permit application processing fee.

Applications should be sent to :

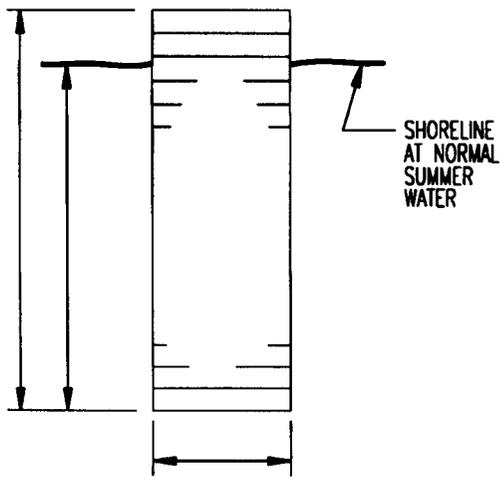
Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

What is needed for TVA's review of a fixed dock?

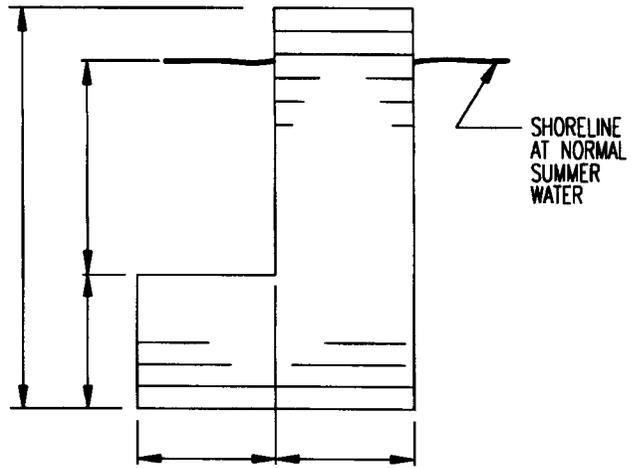
- Length and width dimensions for all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends into the water (from the shoreline at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers or streams).
- The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____ Reservoir.
- Height of the dock above the summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers or streams).

Helpful Hints:

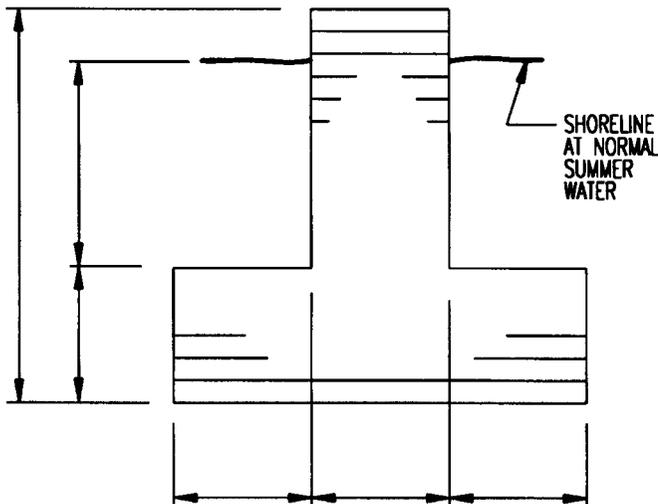
- Docks, slips, and boathouses must be contained within a 1000-square foot rectangular or square area at the lakeward end of the access walkway. Area of the access walkway is not included in the 1000-square foot area.
- Access walkways for these requests cannot exceed 6 feet in width.
- The height of docks must be at least 18 inches above summer water level (or normal water level along rivers or streams) or 24 inches on Chickamauga, Watts Bar, Fort Loudoun, Tellico Reservoirs.
- Creosote poles are not permitted.
- Plans should also indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which must be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.
- In addition, plans should also include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.
- All flotation must be commercially manufactured. All styrofoam must be encased.



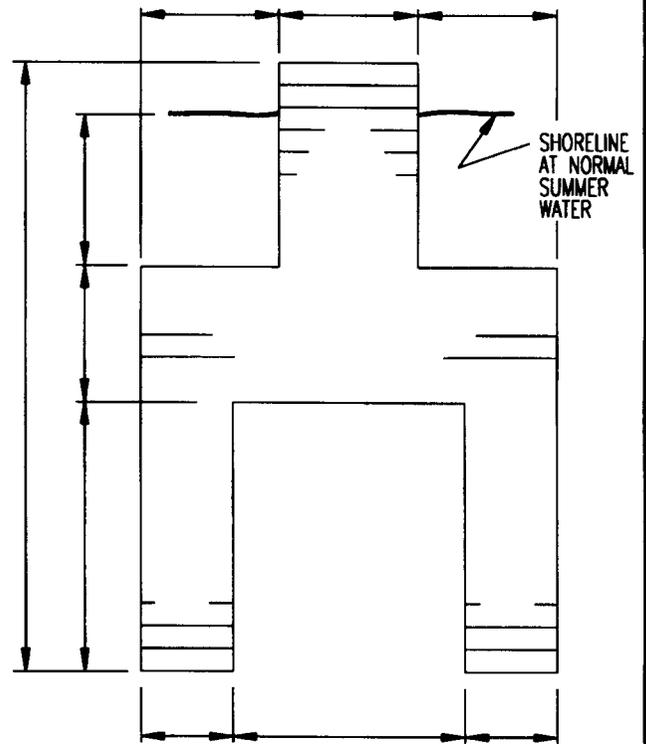
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"L" DOCK

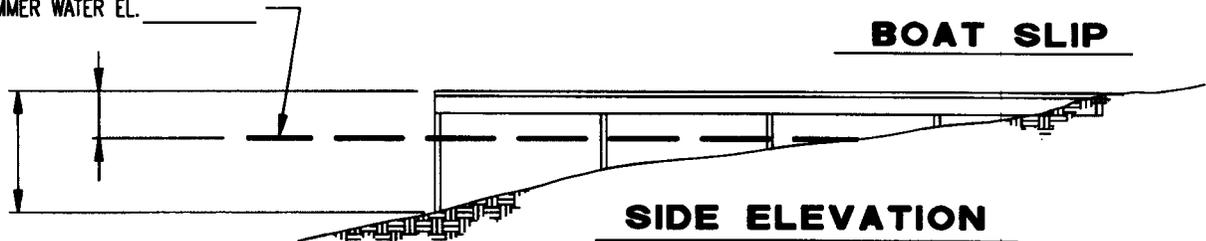


"T" DOCK



BOAT SLIP

NORMAL SUMMER WATER EL. _____



SIDE ELEVATION

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS:

NOTE:

INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS WHERE INDICATED.



TYPICAL FIXED DOCK OR SLIP

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

STREAM NAME _____ SUBDIVISION NAME _____

RESERVOIR NAME _____ LOT NUMBER _____

MILE MARKER _____ MAP NO. _____

(APPLICANT'S NAME)



Information Needed for Minor Floating Dock applications

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

*Tennessee Valley Authority
for the permit application processing fee.*

Applications should be sent to :

Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
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What is needed for TVA's review of a floating dock?

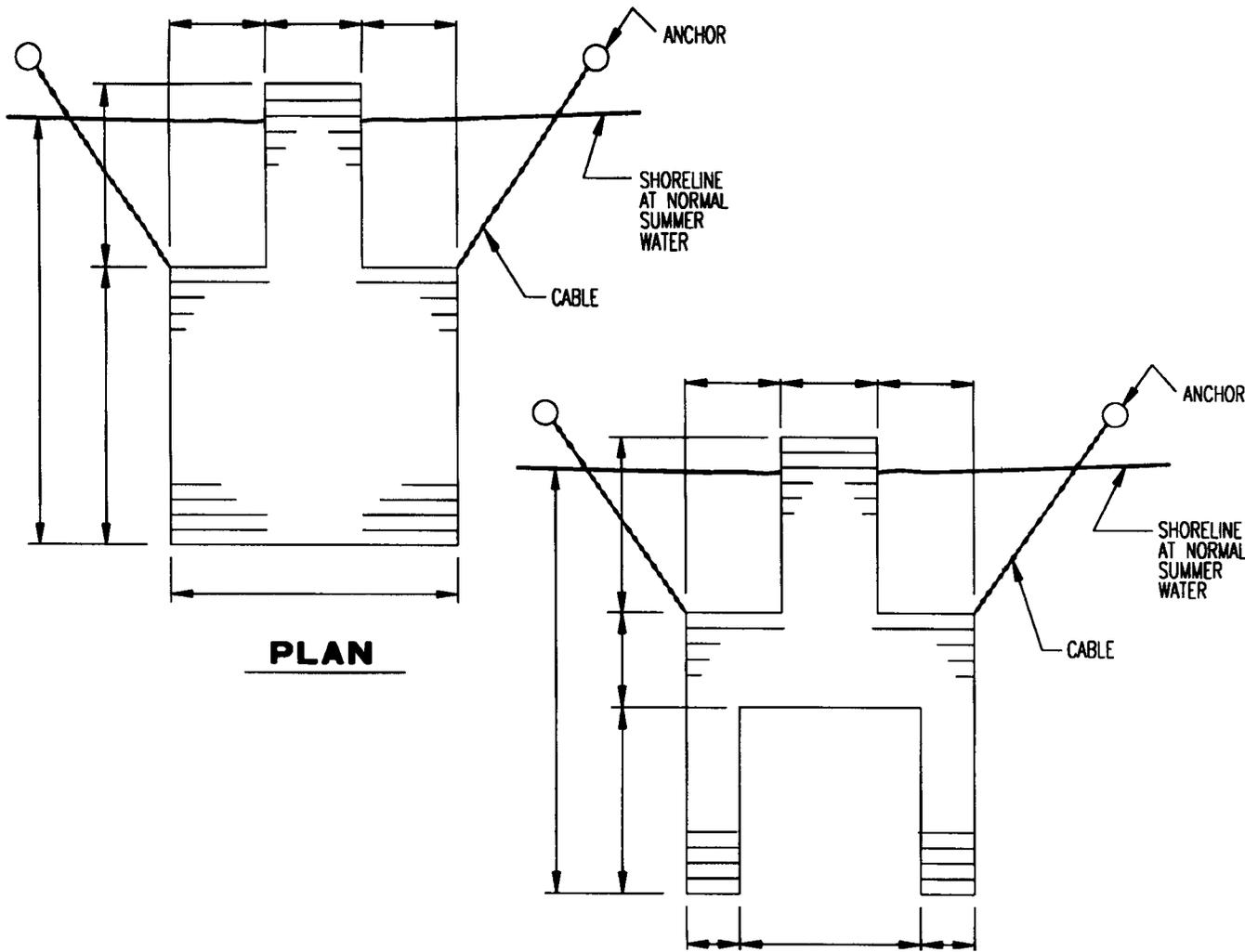
- Length and width dimensions for all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends from the shoreline (at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers or streams).

The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____ Reservoir.
- Height of the dock above summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers or streams).
- Type of approved flotation. Flotation devices must be encased foam blocks, pontoons, or other material commercially manufactured specifically for flotation. Metal or plastic barrels, drums, or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.

Helpful Hints:

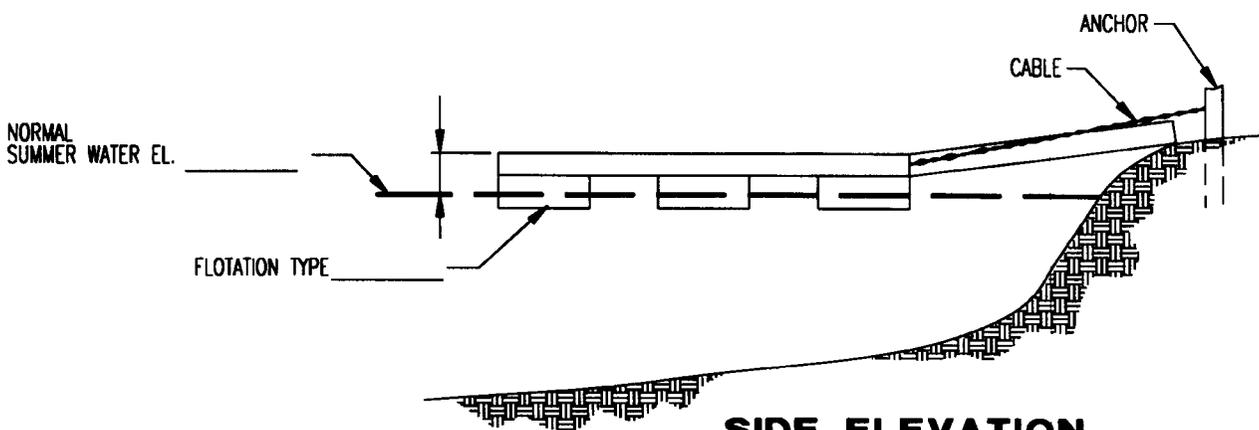
- Docks, slips, and boathouses must be contained within a 1000-square foot rectangular or square area at the lakeward end of the access walkway. Area of the access walkway is not included in the 1000-square foot area.
- Access walkways for these requests cannot exceed 6 feet in width.

Plans should also indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which must be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.
- In addition, plans should also include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.



PLAN

PLAN FOR BOAT SLIP



SIDE ELEVATION

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS: _____

NOTE:
INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS
WHERE INDICATED.

TVA	TYPICAL FLOATING DOCK OR SLIP	
	PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:	
	STREAM NAME _____	SUBDIVISION NAME _____
	RESERVOIR NAME _____	LOT NUMBER _____
	MILE MARKER _____	MAP NO. _____
(APPLICANT'S NAME)		



Information Needed for Fixed or Floating Multiple Slip Docking Facilities

A Section 26a permit application consists of a completed, signed and dated application form, plans with sufficient information to complete a review, map location, and a check or money order payable to:

Tennessee Valley

Authority

for the permit application processing fee.

Applications should be

sent to :

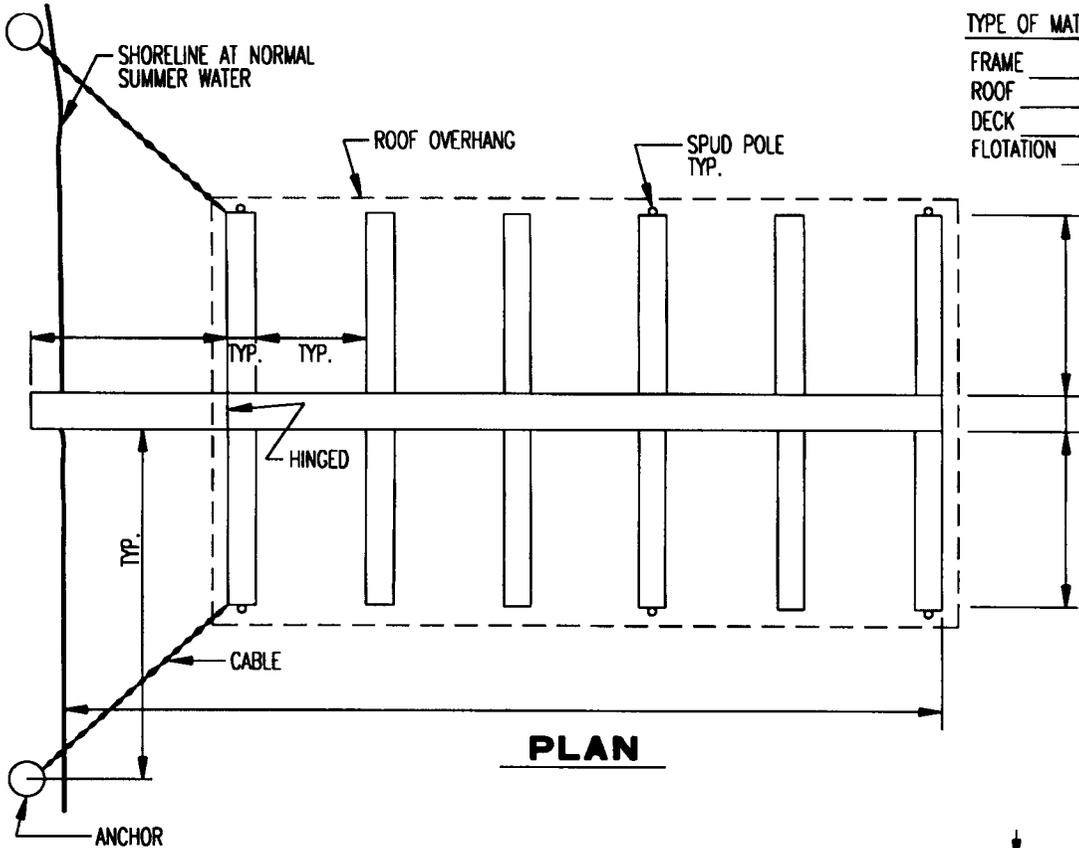
Tennessee Valley Authority
Watershed Team Name
Address
City, State, ZIP

What is needed for review of a multiple slip dock?

- Length and width dimensions of all components of the dock, including any walkways.
- The distance the dock extends from the shoreline (at summer water elevation or normal water level along rivers and streams).
- The normal summer water elevation is _____ feet above mean sea level for _____.
- Height of the dock above summer water elevation (or normal water level along rivers and streams).
- Method of support for *fixed docks* (creosote poles are not permitted).
- Method of anchorage for *floating docks*.
- If the *floating dock* facility must be moved during winter drawdown, indicate winter location.
- For *floating docks*, specify type of approved flotation. Flotation devices must be encased foam blocks, pontoons, or other material commercially manufactured specifically for flotation. Metal or plastic barrels, drums, or other containers not made for flotation are prohibited.

Helpful Hints:

- Plans should indicate electrical service, if applicable, including the location of the disconnect switch (which should be accessible during flood events). The disconnect switch must be located above a contour elevation which may vary by location. TVA's Watershed Team Name Office will be glad to tell you the correct elevation for your project.
- For covered *fixed docks*, specify the height at the bottom side of any roof structure. The underside of the roof should be high enough so that boats are not damaged during 100-year flood events.
- In addition, plans should include any other facilities proposed to be constructed.



TYPE OF MATERIAL:

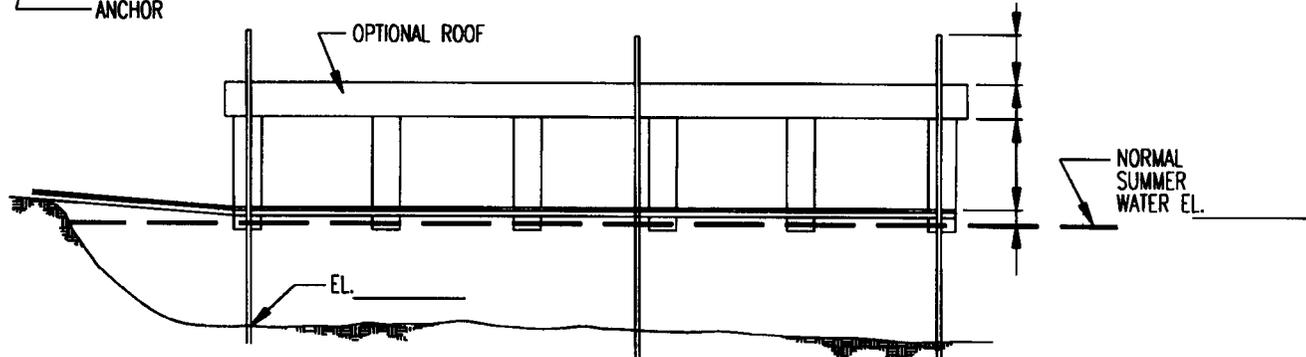
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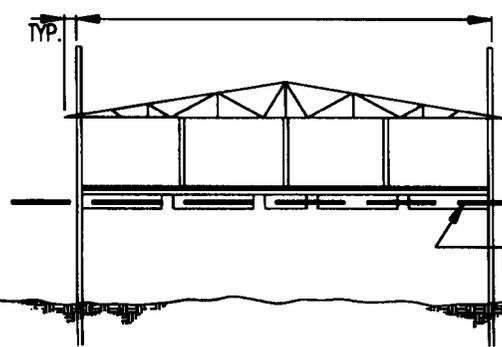
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FLOTATION _____

PLAN



SIDE ELEVATION



END ELEVATION

THE NORMAL SUMMER WATER LEVEL IS: _____

NORMAL SUMMER WATER EL. _____

NOTE:
INCLUDE ALL DIMENSIONS AND ELEVATIONS WHERE INDICATED.

IWA		TYPICAL MARINA MULTIPLE SLIP OR COMMUNITY DOCK	
PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:			
STREAM NAME _____	SUBDIVISION NAME _____		
RESERVOIR NAME _____	LOT NUMBER _____		
MILE MARKER _____	MAP NO. _____		
(APPLICANT'S NAME) _____			