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4. Follow FM 2818 to Mumford Road.
5. Turn right onto Mumford Road.
6. Arrive at 8181 Mumford Road.

China's dammed Yangtze River a cesspool of sewage, poison

By Tim Johnson
KRT CAMPUS

WANZHOU, China — When this city decided to dam a tributary to the mighty Yangtze River, the city fathers searched for a suitable name for the beautiful artificial lake they said would form. They settled on Goddess Lake.

They planned a tree-lined park along its shores, a tranquil respite from city life. Little boats would ply its waters.

Six months after Goddess Lake began filling up, it's become a cesspool filled with pig blood, dead fish, raw sewage, dye and runoff from tanneries.

"Can you see the sewage pipe dumping into the lake over there?" taxi driver Lu Yongheng asked. He pointed to effluent cascading into the lake, which is a few hundred yards from the Yangtze River.

Similar stories of environmental degradation are unfolding along the Yangtze upriver from the Three Gorges Dam. As the huge dam and smaller dams along the river's tributaries block the water, the flushing and self-cleaning action of the Yangtze River basin has slowed.

Reservoirs are becoming sewers, filled with trash and smelly water. Local officials refuse to shut down polluting factories, fearful that unemployment will rise. Edicts from Beijing on controlling industrial waste go unheeded.

Begun in 1994, nearly a mile across and 575 feet high, the controversial Three Gorges Dam is the biggest hydroelectric project in the world. The dam began



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A sign on an apartment building marks the expected 175-meter height of the waters the Yangtze

River will reach in Wanzhou, once the Three Gorges Dam is completed in 2009.

The environmental destruction that accompanies the billion project shows how authorities can thwart the less dictates of Beijing, and zeal to sustain China's economic growth often trumps concern about pollution.

The central government ordered hundreds of factories along the river closed because they were heavy polluters.

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