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### **Corps of Engineers to stage hurricane emergency exercise in New Orleans, May 1 through May 4**

**What.** Teams of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will carry out an exercise in providing emergency support to state and local officials in the event of a severe Category 3 hurricane (130 mph) at New Orleans. Exercise dates: May 1 to May 4. Objectives: emergency provision of electric power, ice and water. Some of the exercise will be pro forma, such as the exchange of certificates, instead of water and ice. The teams will, however, exercise all of the functions that would be necessary for emergency support with a real hurricane. There will also be **Things to See**, as described below.

**Who.** About 130 Corps of Engineers personnel from outside the New Orleans District, including about 90 soldiers of the 249<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion (Prime Power) and civilian teams from across the United States. Four teams will work together: electric power, ice, water and logistics. Observers will be representatives of Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region VI (Dallas), the Corps' Mississippi Valley Division (Vicksburg, Miss.) and the New Orleans District.

**Where.** Doubletree Hotel, Metairie (disaster field office); Jackson Barracks, New Orleans (staging area) and Headquarters, New Orleans District (emergency response and recovery office).

**VIP briefing.** Media welcome. 9 a.m., Wednesday, May 2, at Headquarters, New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans. Invited are officials of parish presidents' offices, state and parish Offices of Emergency Preparedness, levee districts, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

**Things to see.** After VIP briefing (about 1 hour): There will be tours of the Corps of Engineers' emergency vehicles for command and communications known as DTOS (Deployable Tactical Operations System) units. And a generator will be installed at the New Orleans District warehouse, next door to headquarters.