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## **Levee District, Corps to make Orleans hurricane inspection trip Friday, May 18**

**What.** Joint inspection of the hurricane protection system by **Orleans Levee District** and **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**: annual look at levees, floodgates and so on. Leaders will be the Corps' Col. Thomas Julich, District Engineer, New Orleans District, and President James P. Huey, Orleans Levee Board.

**When.** 8 a.m., Friday, May 18, 2001. Completion, 12:45 p.m.

**Staging.** Orleans Marina parking lot, West End, (near Russell's Marina Grill). Other participants: state **Department of Transportation and Development**, **Port of New Orleans** and **City of New Orleans**.

**Itinerary.** Available on request. This is a working, 75-mile inspection.

**Corps of Engineers' role.** The Corps designs and builds hurricane protection, in conjunction with local sponsors such as levee districts, who operate and maintain the works.

The New Orleans area has the Corps' largest hurricane protection projects in Louisiana:

- ☞ Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, which protects four parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and St. Charles). Authorized cost is \$742 million, with a \$527 million Corps of Engineers cost, and \$215 million cost to four levee districts.
- ☞ West Bank and Vicinity New Orleans Hurricane Protection Project, in three parishes (Plaquemines, Orleans and Jefferson). Authorized cost is \$308 million, with a \$200 million Corps of Engineers cost, and \$108 million cost to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Construction is under way in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Charles parishes.