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Harvey Canal gates closing

NEW ORLEANS – As a result of water reaching the operational trigger of 1.5 ft. and rising at the Harvey Canal, Col. Alvin B. Lee, New Orleans District commander, ordered the canal gates closed at 3:40 AM.

The gates take 8 - 10 minutes to close and, once closed, we can begin pumping water from the canal to maintain the safe water elevation of 2 ft.

A three person team located at the structure is responsible for operating the gates and pumps from the safe room.

The Corps' pumps have a maximum combined capacity of 750 cubic feet per second at the Harvey Ave. Canal.

We work closely with the Sewerage & Water Board to maximize their drainage capacity while ensuring public safety by maintaining the safe water elevation.