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The Corps acts to further strengthen levees and floodwalls along the IHNC

NEW ORLEANS –The Corps has identified a stretch of floodwall along the west side of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) that needs to be strengthened. Sheet piles will be driven to provide increased stability. Work will begin in the next few weeks and continue through October.

The stretch of floodwall is 1800 feet long on the west side of IHNC and seven tenths of a mile north of Interstate 10 by the Gentilly Woods neighborhood. The Corps' continual evaluation of work on the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) and in collaboration with its stakeholders determined the need to do more work in this area. (See attached illustration.)

According to Rick Kendrick, Chief for Program Execution, Hurricane Protection Office, "In the reevaluation we saw an issue, decided it needed work, determined the best solution, and we are taking care of it."

The Corps constantly reviews its work along with state and local partners and this floodwall was part of the reevaluation effort to ensure the system as a whole meets the standards and lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina.

After Katrina, the Corps enhanced levees and floodwalls using design criteria that were current at that time. "We added scour protection and reinforced a section of the floodwall with four feet of fill and concrete erosion material," said John Grieshaber, Chief for Execution Support, Hurricane Protection Office.

"The reason we are back to work on this area is to apply new lessons learned and improve on previous work in vulnerable areas," Grieshaber said.

The Corps will continue to work closely with state and local partners and stakeholders as it completes the upgrades to the floodwall.

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Editor's Note: John Grieshaber, Chief for Execution Support, Hurricane Protection Office will be available for the media today from 1-3 p.m. Please call Randy Cephus at 504-862-1708 to coordinate media availability.



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