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Orleans hurricane inspection trip is Wednesday, June 4

What. Joint inspection of the hurricane-protection system by **Orleans Levee District** and **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**: annual look at floodgates, levees and control structures. Leaders will be Col. Peter Rowan, district engineer, New Orleans District, and President James P. Huey, Orleans Levee Board.

When. 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2003. Completion, 12:45 p.m.

Staging. Orleans Marina Floodwall at West End. Other participants: **Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development** 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, which operate and maintain the completed works. In an emergency, the Corps stands ready to assist local authorities.

The New Orleans area has the Corps' two largest hurricane projects in Louisiana: **Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity.** Protects four parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and St. Charles. Authorized cost is \$745 million, with a \$527 million corps cost and \$215 cost to four levee districts.

West Bank and Vicinity. Protects three parishes (Plaquemines, Orleans and Jefferson). Authorized cost is \$312 million, with a \$203 million Corps cost and \$109 million cost to the state Transportation Department.

Completion stages. The Orleans, St. Bernard and Jefferson sectors of Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity are largely complete, and are closed systems. East St. Charles is expected to become closed in 2004 and West Bank and Vicinity in 2007.

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