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Orleans hurricane inspection trip is Friday

What. Joint inspection of the hurricane inspection system by **Orleans Levee District** and the **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**: flood gates, levees, control structures and, this year, the new London Avenue Canal bridge on Filmore Avenue. Leaders will be Col. Peter J. Rowan, district engineer, New Orleans District, and President James P. Huey, Orleans Levee Board.

When. 8 a.m., Friday, May 28, 2004. 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 emergencies, 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). Current project cost is \$738 million, with a \$528 million Corps cost and \$210 million cost to four levee districts.

West Bank and Vicinity. Protects three parishes (Jefferson, Orleans and Plaquemines). Orleans and Jefferson. Current project cost is \$314 million, with a \$204 million Corps cost and \$110 million cost to the state Transportation Department.

Completion stages. The Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard sectors of Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity are largely complete, and are closed systems. East St. Charles is expected to become closed in 2005 and West Bank and Vicinity in 2008, dependent on funding.

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