

# NEW ORLEANS TO VENICE, LA HURRICANE PROTECTION PROJECT



- **Project Status:**  
-Continue 1 Contract
- **Project Cost:** \$253 M
- **Scheduled Completion:** 2018
- **Project FY 05 Funds Required:** \$6.6M
- **Projects Issues:** Funding constraints will continue to extend the project completion date.





# Project Fact Sheet

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## New Orleans to Venice, Louisiana Hurricane Protection Project

**PROJECT AUTHORITY:** The project was authorized under PL 874-87, October 23, 1962 as the Mississippi River Delta at and below New Orleans, Louisiana and changed to New Orleans to Venice after authorization.

**PROJECT SPONSORS:** The local sponsor is Plaquemines Parish Government (PPG).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project is located along the east bank of the Mississippi River from Phoenix, Louisiana, (approximately 28 miles southeast of New Orleans) down to Bohemia, Louisiana, and along the west bank of the river from St. Jude, Louisiana, (approximately 39 miles southeast of New Orleans) down to the vicinity of Venice, Louisiana.

**PROJECT PURPOSE:** The project will provide protection from hurricane tidal overflow for 100-year frequency storms. The protected area encompasses approximately 75% of the population and 75% of the improved lands in the lower Mississippi River delta region.

**PROJECT FEATURES:** The project consists of the following:

### West Bank

St. Jude to City Price - 3 miles of enlarged back levees from St. Jude to City Price

Reach A - 13 miles of enlarged back levees from City Price to Tropical Bend and two 54" flap-gated culverts

Reach B-1 - 12 miles of enlarged back levees from Tropical Bend to Fort Jackson and a floodgate at Empire

Reach B-2 - 9 miles of enlarged back levees from Fort Jackson to Venice

West Bank River Levee(WBRL) - 34 miles of enlarged west bank Mississippi River levees from City Price to Venice

### East Bank

Reach C - 16 miles of enlarged back levees from Phoenix to Bohemia and 10 flap-gated culverts

**PROJECT COSTS:** The current approved project cost is \$253,000,000. The project is cost shared (70/30) with PPG, the local sponsor. The Federal share is \$177,000,000 and the non-Federal share is \$76,000,000.

**PROJECT BUDGET/SCHEDULE:** The project is approximately 80% physically complete and the estimated completion date is September 2017. In FY 2004, our capability was \$6 million and Congress appropriated \$2 million. However, after savings and slippage, the project allocation (work allowance) is \$1.5 million. For FY 2005, the President's budget is \$2.9 million and our capability is \$6.6 million. Funding constraints will slow down one ongoing construction contract due to anticipated FY 2004 unfunded liabilities. The additional \$3.635 million would complete this contract on schedule and fund the FY 2004 unfunded liabilities and award two additional second enlargement construction contracts that are awaiting funding for advertisement and award.

**ISSUES:** Funding required for FY2005 is \$6.6 million. Budgeted funds of only \$2.9 million continue to slow down work on the project and extend the project completion date.