Southeast La. Urban Flood Control (SELA) Algiers Sub-Basin

The Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Control (SELA) project is being constructed to help reduce the risk of flood damages due to rainfall in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Tammany parishes. The improvements support the parishes’ master drainage plans and reduce flood risks associated with a 10-year rainfall which is approximately nine inches of rain over a 24-hour period.

Project Summary
Work for SELA is located on both the east and west banks of the Mississippi River in Orleans and Jefferson parishes. The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board (CPRA) serves as the Non-Federal Sponsor with strong support from our local partners at Jefferson Parish, the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, St. Tammany Parish, and the City of Slidell.

Project Features
The SELA Algiers Sub-Basin Project will include multiple construction contracts to improve the capacity of the major canals in the Algiers Sub-Basin and to increase the capacity of Pump Station #13. Improvements will be made to:
- General De Gaulle Drive (from Wall Blvd. to Nolan Canal)
- Donner Canal (from Magellan Canal to Pump Station #13)
- Algiers Outfall and Nolan Canals
- Sandra Drive, Pace Boulevard, Indiana Street, Holiday Drive (between Vixen Street and Gen. De Gaulle Canal), Lang Street (between Berkley Drive and Gen. De Gaulle Canal), Eton Street (between Berkley Drive and Nolan Canal), and Memorial Drive (Between Texas Drive and Algiers Outfall Canal)
- Pump Station #13

Project Status
Approximately $16 million has been appropriated by Congress in the 2019 Work Plan for this work. The funds will be used for the first phase of work by the Corps on the SELA Algiers Sub-basin. Improvements will be made to the General De Gaulle Canal on General De Gaulle Drive from Wall Blvd. to Holiday Dr. This work will include construction of a concrete flume which will provide additional storage capacity for rain water in the area.

Currently, the Corps is working with the non-Federal sponsor to develop plans for this portion of work. The award date for this contract is tentatively scheduled for the end of 2019. Additional contracts will be designed and awarded as funds are appropriated.

For more information, call the Corps’ Construction Hotline at (877) 427-0345.