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Orleans hurricane inspection trip is Friday

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

When. 8 a.m., Friday, May 31, 2002. Completion, 12:45 p.m.

Staging. Public parking, across from Joe's Crab Shack, 8000 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans. Other participants: state **Department of Transportation and Development**, **Port of New Orleans** 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, who 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 million cost to four levee districts.

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

New Orleans District's Hurricane & Emergency Web page:
<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/pao/response/index.asp>