

Corps responds to Hurricanes

Hurricane Katrina swept ashore on the Gulf Coast on Aug. 29, 2005 and became the worst natural disaster to strike the continental United States.

On Sept. 4, 2005, Brig. Gen. Robert Crear created **Task Force Hope** and tasked it with the following mission:

Task Force Hope Mission

Respond:

- Support the National Response Plan

Support FEMA:

- Execute ESF-3, debris mission, temporary power mission, ice and water mission, and provide technical assistance to the State of Louisiana

Repair:

- Return pre-Katrina protection to hurricane-damaged components by June 1, 2006

Restore:

- Restore undamaged levees/floodwalls to originally authorized heights by Sept. 2007
- Correct floodwall deficiencies

Complete:

- Accelerated completion of unconstructed portions of authorized projects by Sept. 2007

Improve:

- Make improvements to optimize the performance of the existing system

Certify:

- Raise system to provide 100-year level of protection

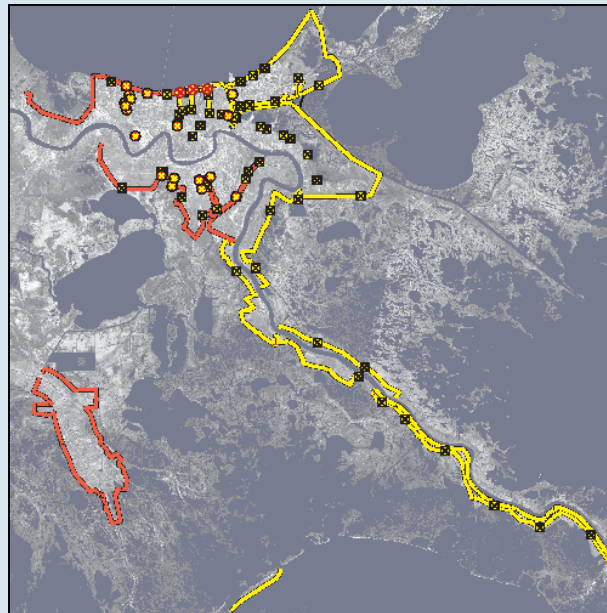
Evaluate Higher Levels of Protection:

- Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Report- preliminary report due June 2006- final due Dec. 2007



"The eyes of the nation continue to be on Task Force Hope and the Corps' rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and southeast Louisiana. We have made the impossible possible in a short period of time."

- Brig. Gen. Robert Crear,
Commander, Mississippi Valley Division



Hurricane Protection System Projects

- Hurricane Protection Office (HPO)
- Protection Restoration Office (PRO)
- ⊗ SELA Flood Control Project (PRO)
- ⊗ Outfall Closure (HPO)
- ⊗ Pumping Station Project (HPO)

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Hurricane Protection System

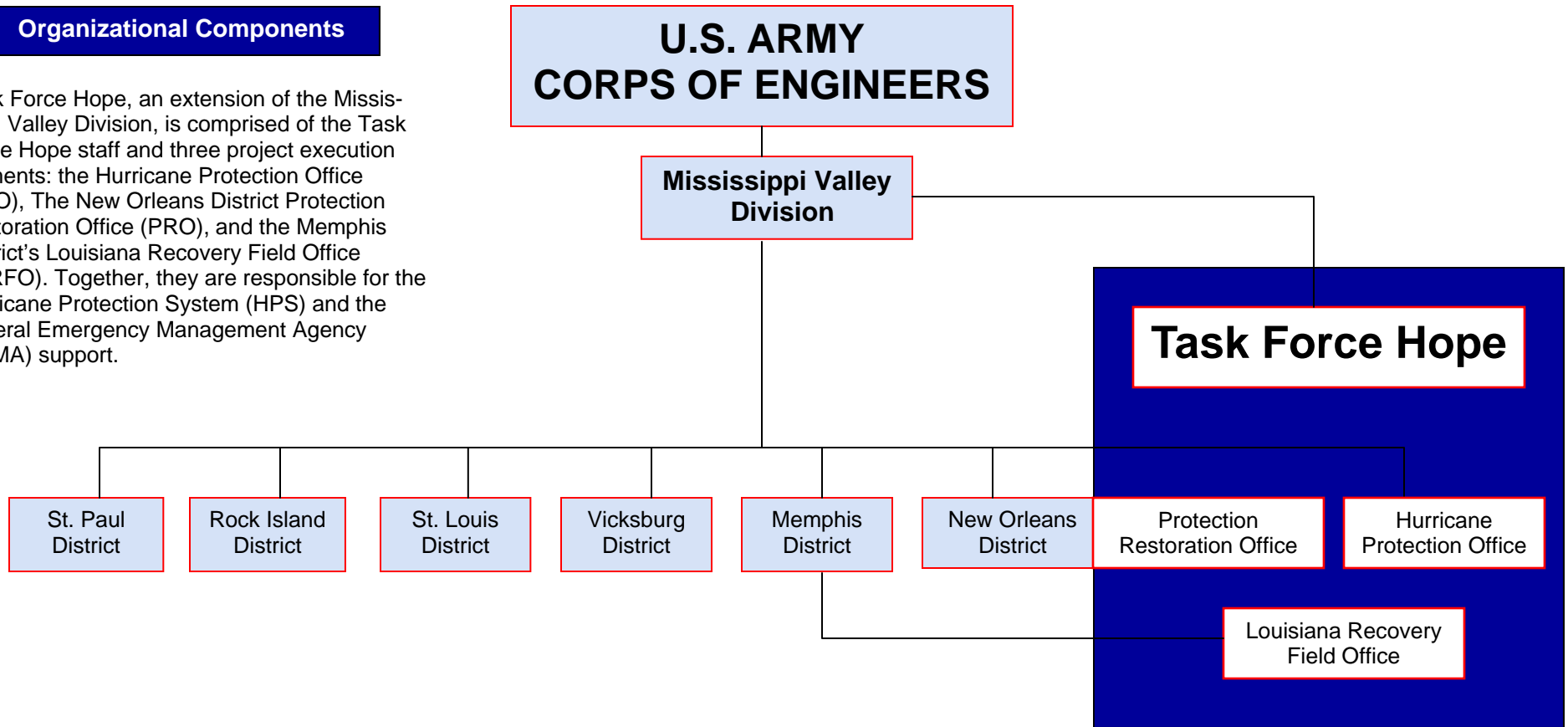
Task Force Hope



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Organizational Components

- Task Force Hope, an extension of the Mississippi Valley Division, is comprised of the Task Force Hope staff and three project execution elements: the Hurricane Protection Office (HPO), The New Orleans District Protection Restoration Office (PRO), and the Memphis District's Louisiana Recovery Field Office (LaRFO). Together, they are responsible for the Hurricane Protection System (HPS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) support.



New Orleans District's Protection Restoration Office (PRO)

executes HPS levee and floodwall projects in Jefferson and St. Charles Parishes and the West Bank. The District continues to execute its other missions in addition to PRO.



The Hurricane Protection Office (HPO)

executes the floodgate and pump station projects, along with levee and floodwall projects on the East Bank in Orleans, St. Bernard and Plaquemines Parishes.

The Memphis District's Louisiana Recovery Field Office (LaRFO)

continues to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The LaRFO supplied emergency water, ice, and temporary public facilities and temporary roofs, power and repair of water and wastewater treatment facilities and debris removal following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Focus of Task Force Hope Staff

- Ensure there are no gaps and focus the comprehensive approach to HPS
- Manage HPS program to include: program development as well as integration of planning, design, construction and quality
- Integrate program between state, region and higher authorities
- Manage strategic internal and external communications
- Manage the coastal protection and restoration programs
- Assist with command and control of Division subordinate organizations
- Support the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) when required