



Hurricane Response Web Portal

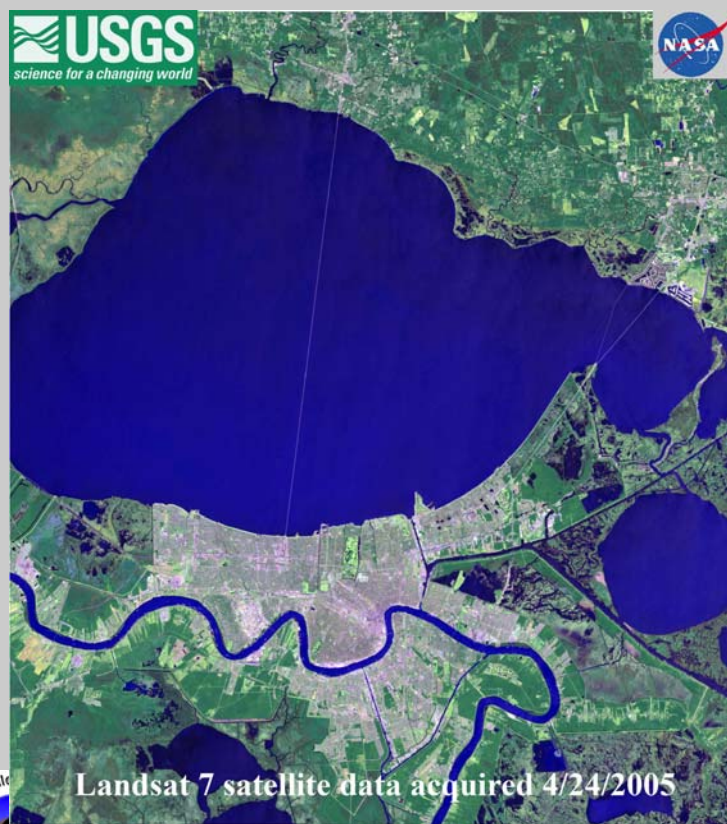


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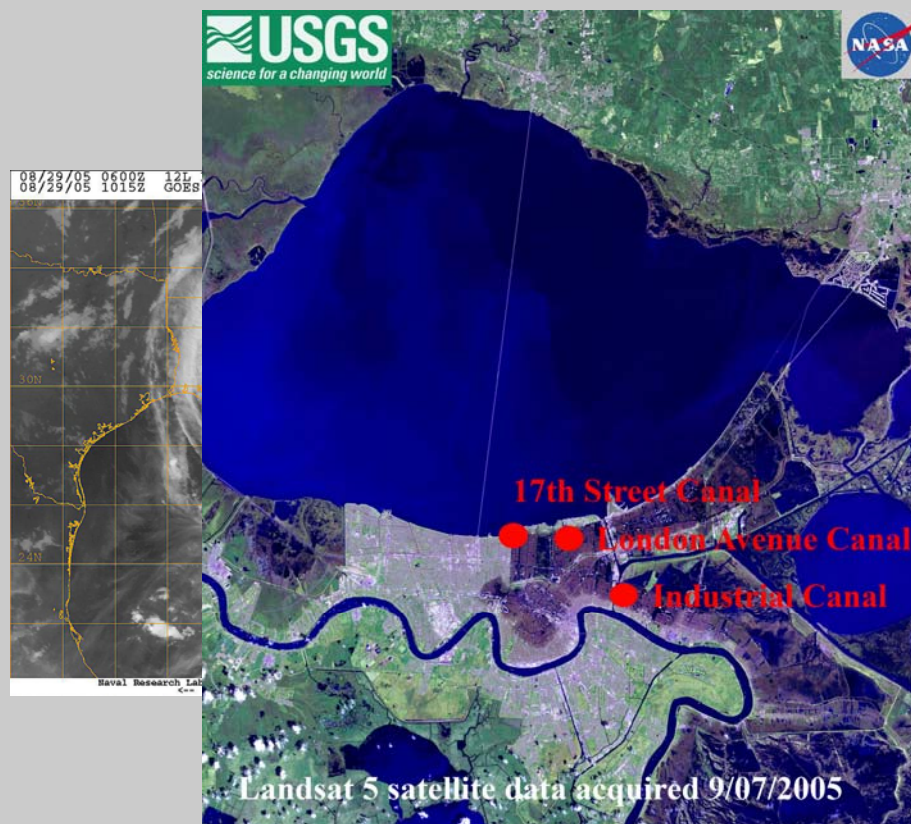
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New Orleans: Before and After Hurricane Katrina

Before



After

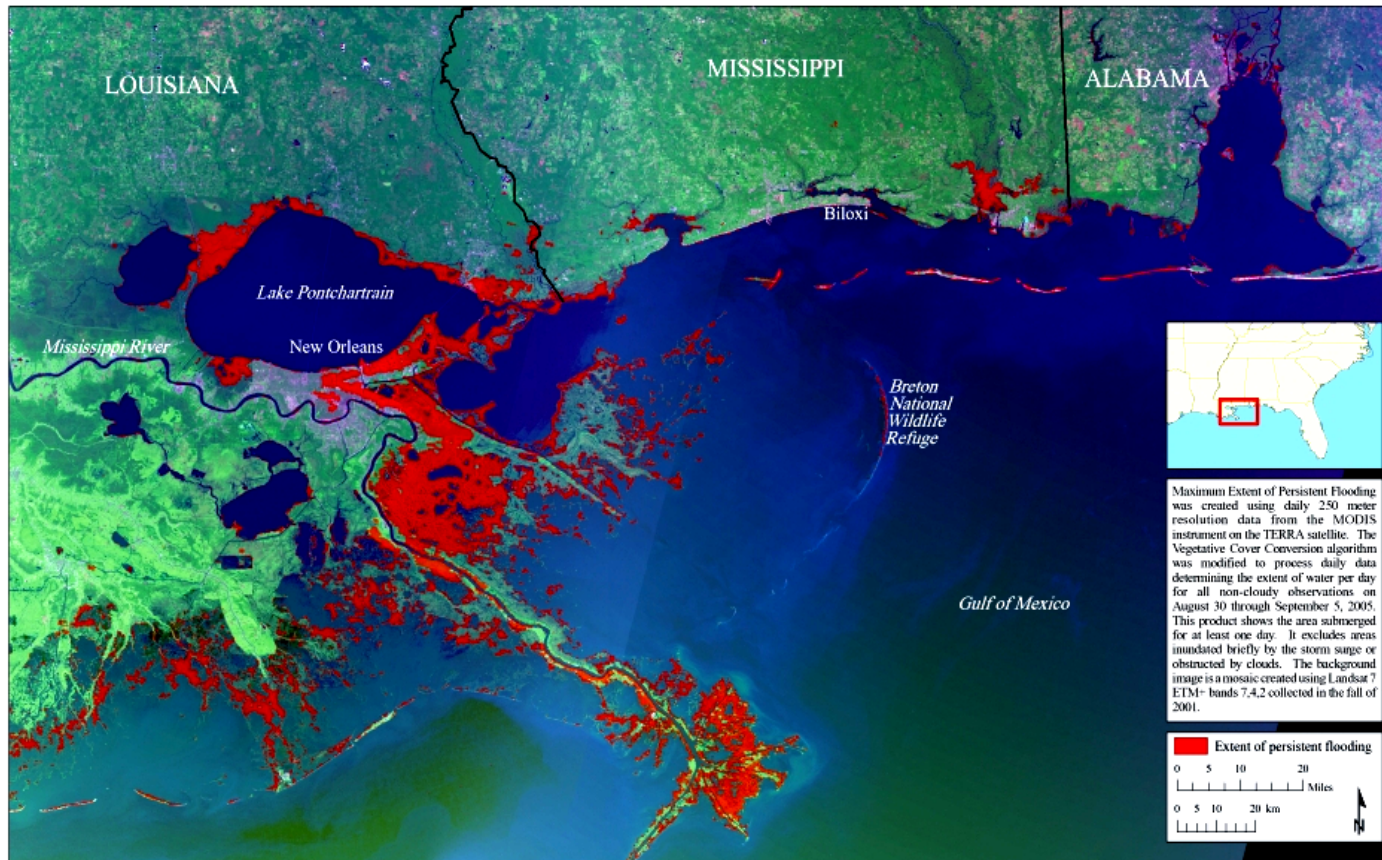


Regional Overview



Maximum Extent of Persistent Flooding Caused by Hurricane Katrina

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Extent of Flooding



Industrial Canal Levee Breach

Lower 9th Ward Pre Katrina



Lower 9th Ward September 1st, 2005



Lower 9th Ward December 14th, 2005



Example Research Questions

- Mold and respiratory health
- Contaminant transport
- Solid waste management
- Mental health

Mold and Respiratory Health

Mold Types Found in New Orleans Sample Sites, December, 2005

Acremonium

Aspergillus

Aspergillus niger

Chaetomium

Cladosporium

Curvularia

Gliocladium

Graphium

Mycelia sterilia

Penicillium

Scopulariopsis

Stachybotrys

Trichoderma

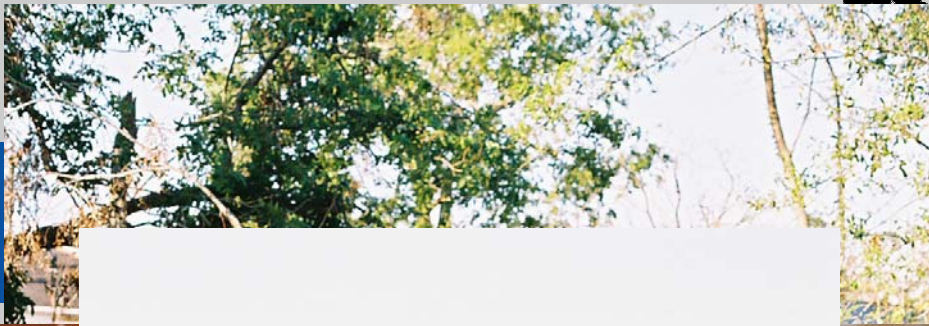
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Solid and

Management





NIEHS Response: Collaborative Team

- NIEHS
- Columbia University (CIESIN)
- University of Kentucky
- Research Triangle Institute
- San Diego State University
- University of California, San Diego
- Duke University

Purpose of the Portal

- Build and maintain extensive data archive designed to investigate environmental health consequences of the hurricanes
- Provide a collaborative workspace for analysis of georeferenced data
- Provide a Gulf Coast resource to support environmental health research more broadly

Data Categories

- Physiographic
- Political
- Demographic
- Potential contaminant sources
- Infrastructure
- Damage
- Satellite and aerial imagery
- Sampling data

Distinguishing Portals from Websites/Desktop Applications

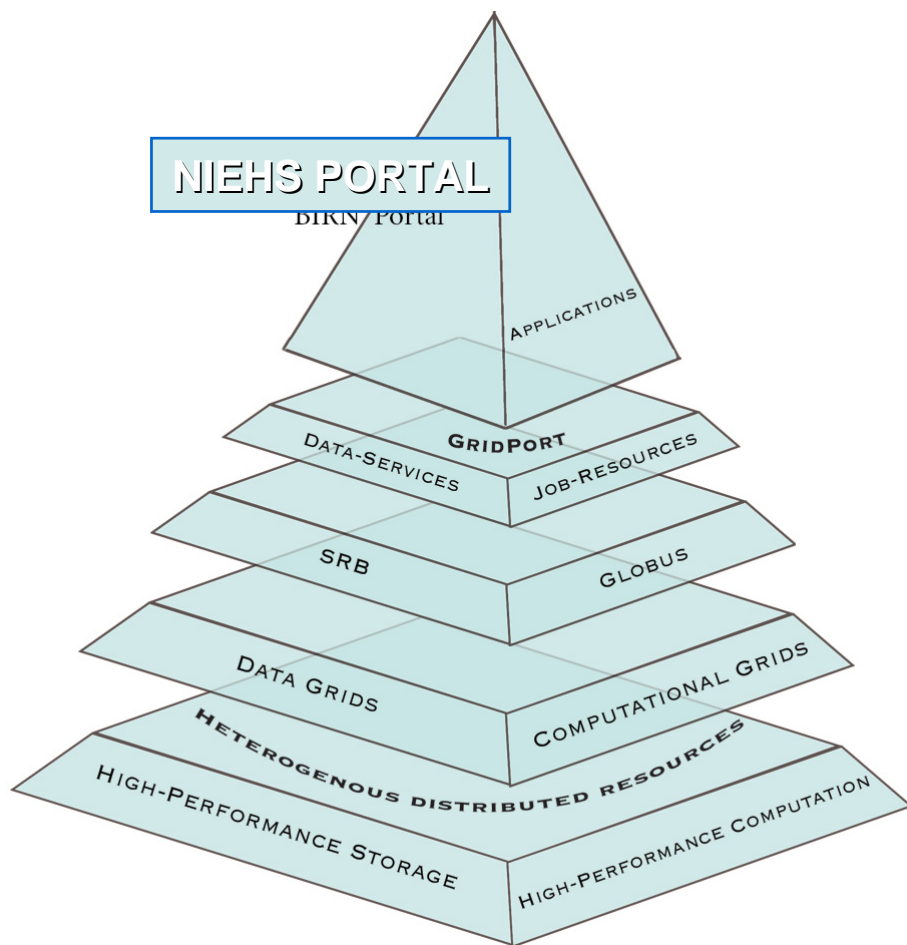
- **Websites generally provide static information (and sometimes access to a service or transaction).**
- **Research Portals are gateways to customized and dynamic services and are architected to evolve and accommodate the requirements of scientific communities (e.g. NIEHS Researchers).**
- **The NIEHS Site has been developed using a Portal system originally developed for other NIH Projects (and for Earth Scientists and Physicists).**

This system facilitates multisite collaboration, data sharing and shared use of computing resources.



Layered Architecture - Top Level Changes

The Core is Shared with other projects



- The NIEHS Portal is composed of many “layers”
- Layers are modular, allowing for extension of any layer without great disruption to the entire system
- Every Layer has its own complexity and administration that was previously passed on to the end-user
- Portal centralizes all administrative details of each layer into a single username and pass phrase



About the Site | Pre Formatted Maps | Aerial Imagery and GIS Data Layers | Restricted Data

- Site Browser**
- NIEHS Natural Disaster Response
 - About the GIS Site
 - Pre-Formatted Maps
 - Aerial Imagery and GIS Data Layers
 - Restricted Data

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

NIEHS Katrina/Rita Response Portal

This GIS site is intended to provide tools and information for those who are addressing the consequences of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita by supporting the decision-making process related to:

- ◆ Identifying sources and routes of contaminants
- ◆ Evaluating the potential for future exposures
- ◆ Assessing human exposures that occurred in the immediate aftermath of the hurricanes
- ◆ Assessing the immediate and longer term health impacts associated with these exposures

This site contains pre-formatted or ready-made maps of potential sources of environmental contaminants in the hurricane-affected areas.

It also contains aerial photography images of the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina and we are compiling aerial images associated with Hurricane Rita. We are also working to provide a functional set of GIS data layers that will allow users to construct maps tailored to individual needs.

We will continually update this site as we obtain and process additional information to meet challenges that arise as recovery proceeds.

Send GIS-related comments and questions: hurricanegis@niehs.nih.gov

NIEHS Environmental Health Science Data Resource Portal Includes Tools for Authentication, Authorization and Auditing

For example, not all users may have access to the same data layers

Authorization groups are defined by site administrator. This can be further refined by the end user.

The screenshot shows the NIEHS Environmental Health Science Data Resource Portal in a Mozilla Firefox browser. The page title is "GridSphere Portal - Mozilla Firefox" and the URL is "http://cleek.ucsd.edu:8080/gridsphere/gridsphere?oid=teleannoun.rgoto". The page features a navigation menu with "About the Site", "Pre Formatted Maps", "Aerial Imagery and GIS Data Layers", and "Restricted Data". The main content area is divided into a "Site Browser" on the left and a "GIS Browser" on the right. The "Site Browser" lists categories like "NIEHS Natural Disaster Response", "About the GIS Site", "Pre-Formatted Maps", "Aerial Imagery and GIS Data Layers", and "Restricted Data". The "GIS Browser" contains a map of Louisiana with various data layers overlaid. A legend on the left of the map lists layers such as "Potential Contaminant Source", "National Priority List Sites", "Toxic Release Inventory Site", "TRI Reporting Facilities 2003 (All)", "TRI Hazardous Air Pollutants", "TRI Metals and Metal Compounds", "TRI OSHA Carcinogens", "TRI Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals", "Oil and Natural Gas Production", "Industrial Facilities", "Agricultural Facilities", "Infrastructure", "Hurricane Damage", "Demographic Data", "Physiographic Data", "Watersheds", "National Hydrography", "County Boundaries", "State Boundaries", "Aerial Imagery", "Landmarks", "Cities", "Urban Areas", and "Elevation". A "Small Image" and "Large Image" option are also present. Below the map, there is a "Louisiana Superdome" dropdown menu, a "Jump to Location" button, and a "Previous View" button. A data table is displayed at the bottom right of the map area, showing details for a specific site.

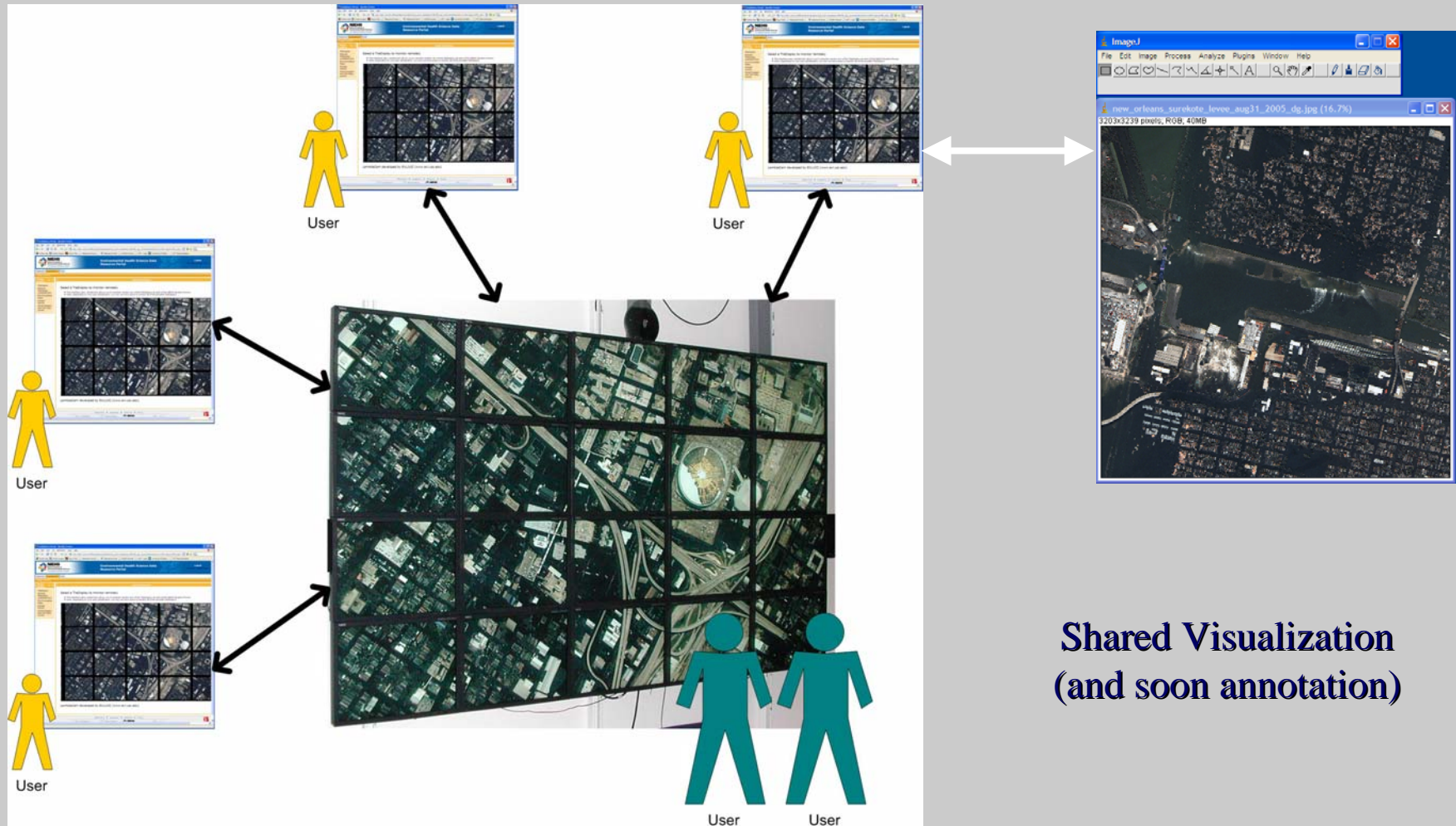
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Additional Features of the NIEHS Portal

- Built in collaborative tools (multi level - binary to large group to public)
- Full authentication, authorization and auditing (secure data sharing)
- Access to advanced computation and visualization end-points (eg., grid computing - NSF Teragrid)
- Integration of domain specific applications (eg., analysis and visualization)
- Data “integration” technologies (complex queries to deep data)

THE NIEHS Portal is suitable for use as a high tech gateway to emerging collaborative research environments

These next generation capabilities are built on advanced information technologies (eg., multiple gigabit networks, cluster computing, tiled wall display systems)



Shared Visualization
(and soon annotation)

What next?

- Automated account creation and management
- Access to computation and visualization end-points
- Address lookup
- Save user-requested customized views
- Data repository
- Simple and Spatial Queries
- Lots of Aerial and Satellite Imagery
 - NOAA
 - NASA (Blue Marble, Global Mosaic, Reflectance)
 - USGS (DOQ, DRG, Urban Areas)
 - Intergraph (Globe, Lakes)

We must understand needs of projects to implement those most appropriate

Defining the Geographic Scope

Louisiana

Mississippi

Alabama

Texas

Florida


United States

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- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
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- Gulf Coast agencies



The Web Portal


Environmental Health Science Data Resource Portal

Site Browser

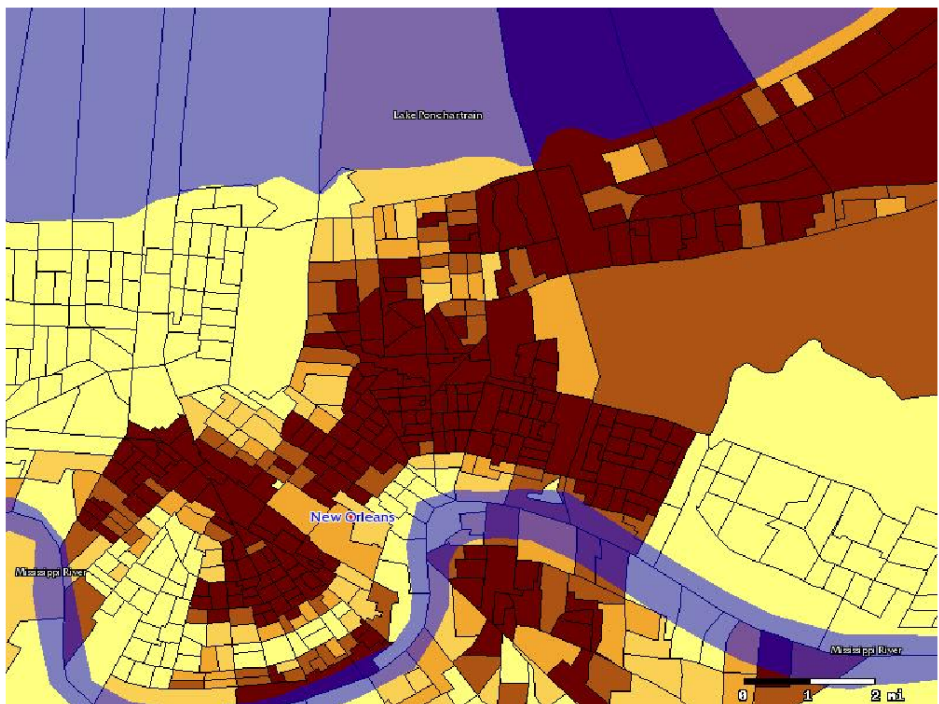
- Aerial Imagery and GIS Data Layers
- Sign On

GIS Browser

Zoom In & Re-Center
 Pan
 Zoom Out & Re-Center
 Query

Update Map

- County Boundaries
- State Boundaries
- Elevation
- Landmarks
- Cities
- Major Cities
- Urban Areas
- Infrastructure
- Potential Contaminant Source
- Hurricane Damage
- Demographic Data
 - Census Block Groups 2000
 - Census Block Group Outline
 - Percentage Black
 - Percentage Hispanic
 - Percentage in Poverty
 - Percentage Minority
- Census Tracts 2000
- Physiographic Data
 - Watersheds
 - National Hydrography
 - Major Hydrography
- Aerial/Satellite Imagery



Small Image

Large Image

* These images are served externally so viewing time may vary.

Major Hydrography ■

Major Cities ●

0 to 20 Percent Black

20 to 40 Percent Black

Zoom Scale

Near

+ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 - Far

Hurricane Damage ▼ Jump to Location

Address Lookup
Previous View
Default View