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**USIBWC AWARDS CONTRACTS COVERING 98% OF ITS  
RECOVERY ACT FUNDS; WILL REACH 100% THIS MONTH**

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has awarded \$216 million in contracts to date with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), accounting for 98% of the \$220 million in Recovery Act funds appropriated to the agency. The USIBWC will award contracts for the remaining amount by the end of the month. The funding is being used to rehabilitate aging Rio Grande flood control levees in Texas and New Mexico.

Of the \$216 million in contracts already awarded, the USIBWC has already paid contractors \$67 million. Nearly 600 jobs have already been preserved or created as a result of the economic stimulus funds appropriated to the USIBWC – a number that will increase significantly as levee construction continues over the next year.

Some of the Recovery Act levee construction in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas has already been completed, ensuring that the levees there were in their best condition in years when flooding occurred over the summer. No major structural problems were identified with the levees despite the highest flood flows in decades.

“I am extremely proud of the USIBWC’s execution of Recovery Act funds,” said U.S. Commissioner Edward Drusina. “We have already seen the benefits in South Texas.”

The purpose of the Recovery Act is to create and preserve jobs, promote economic recovery, and invest in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits. Additional information about USIBWC Recovery Act projects is available at: <http://www.ibwc.gov/Recovery/Index.html>

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