

**Dedication Ceremony  
Cross Bayou Drainage Structure  
Comments for Col. Peter Rowan  
May 30, 2003**

- Welcome
  
- Introduce:
  - Mr. David Doss from Congressman Vitter's office
  - Mr. Joseph Gautreau, President, Pontchartrain Levee District
  - Mr. Tab Troxler, Emergency Operations Preparedness Officer,  
representing Mr. Albert Laque, St. Charles Parish President
  
- Cross Bayou Drainage Structure
- Part of the Lake Pont HPP
- Cost: \$2.4 million
- Cost shared: 70/30 (COE/Pontch Lv Distr (PLD)/St. Charles Parish  
contributed to PLD to help with non-fed share)
- St. Charles Parish portion of Lake Pontch Project:
  - Total project cost: \$100 million
  - Total federal cost: \$70 million
  - Total non-fed cost: \$30 million
- Specs: Six gates, each six-foot-square
- Contractor: Circle, Inc.
- Operated by St. Charles Parish (under agreement w/PLD)
- Owned by Pontchartrain Levee District
- Purpose:
  - \* Allows drainage of rainwater through the levee system into  
Lake Pontchartrain;
  - \* Will be closed when hurricane storm surge threatens the area
- One of five drainage structures built in the levee
  - Bayou Trepanier, \$1.9 m, compl Jan 01
  - Cross Bayou, \$2.4 m
  - St. Rose, \$2.5 m
  - Almedia one contract @ \$2.7 m to be compl in 2004
  - Walker Canal

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- Two remaining gaps in levee
  - Floodwall at Gulf South Pipeline, \$1m
  - Floodgate at Canadian National Railroad, \$3m
  - Both to be awarded late FY 03
  - Both to be completed in 2004
- Result:
  - \* Closed levee system for St. Charles Parish.
  - \* Corps & St. Charles Parish successful working w/FEMA to lower base flood elevation on the east bank of the parish
  - \* Due primarily to work done on hpl
  - \* Will save construction & flood insurance cost to the residents & business on east bank of St. Charles Parish