



Floodwalls and Levee Construction



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Question: How many miles of levees and floodwalls have been repaired or restored?

Answer: 220 miles or 1.16 million feet.

Question: What are the highest elevation of floodwalls and levees in the Hurricane Protection System?

Answer: Twenty feet. Two areas are probably the highest in the system. One area is the recently repaired levees along the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, known as MR-GO, which is about 20 feet high. The others are in New Orleans East. The existing Michoud Canal is at an elevation of 20 feet and the newly repaired CSX R/R floodgate was constructed to an elevation of 20 feet.

Question: How many contractors are involved in the levee construction projects?

Answer: There are 59 projects being done by 26 contractors. Ninety percent of the work is being done by local contractors. Thirty-eight percent of the contractors are from small or disadvantaged businesses.

Question: How much money is involved in the construction activity?

Answer: \$557 million.

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