



US Army Corps of Engineers®

# Plaquemines Parish

## Levees and Floodwalls Project Fact Sheet

### Plaquemines Parish Project Overview

The Corps of Engineers is engaged in two separate Federal projects on a complementary timeline that will reduce risk to people and property in Plaquemines Parish below Oakville, where the Federally-authorized West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System ends.

These projects are the New Orleans to Venice (NOV) project and the incorporation of the Plaquemines Parish Non-Federal Levee project (PPNFL) into NOV.

### New Orleans to Venice (NOV) Project

The New Orleans to Venice (NOV) project is upgrading the existing Federal levees on the east bank of Plaquemines from Phoenix to Bohemia and on the west bank from St. Jude to Venice. For this project the Corps will apply the new and more stringent design criteria that is being used for the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS).

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, the New Orleans to Venice (NOV) project was approximately 85 percent finished with an estimated completion date of September 2018. Funding constraints slowed work and extended the project completion date. The New Orleans to Venice project was funded at \$769 million in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Emergency Spending Bills passed by Congress in the aftermath of the 2005 hurricane season.

Currently, the Corps is preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the New Orleans to Venice Hurricane Protection Project. This document will outline the proposed project alignment and the human and environmental impacts. This is expected to be released for public comment in the Summer of 2010, with an anticipated construction completion of late 2013.

### Plaquemines Federal and Non-Federal Levee Projects

