



# Corps Hurricane Response

## Task Force Hope Status Report

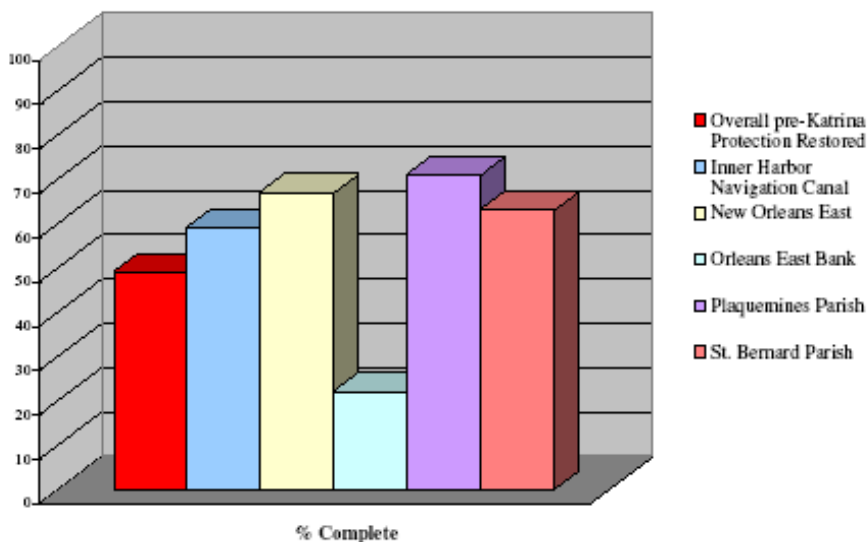
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The US Army Corps of Engineers established Task Force Hope immediately after Hurricane Katrina hit the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts. Task Force Hope's main mission is to manage the work on levees and floodwalls, debris removal and all emergency response efforts that Federal Emergency Management Agency requested the Corps to carry out. Task Force Hope oversees the efforts of Task Force Guardian and Recovery Field Offices in Louisiana and Mississippi. Task Force Guardian is repairing damages to the Greater New Orleans federal hurricane and flood protection system resulting from Hurricane Katrina, restoring the system to pre-storm levels of protection by June 1, 2006.

### Hurricane Protection System Restoration

### Time lines:

Hurricane Protection System Restoration Status



**June 1, 2006**—All repair work will be done.

**September 1, 2007**—All undamaged levees/floodwalls will be returned to original heights.

**September 2007**—Construction of new portions of projects will be completed.

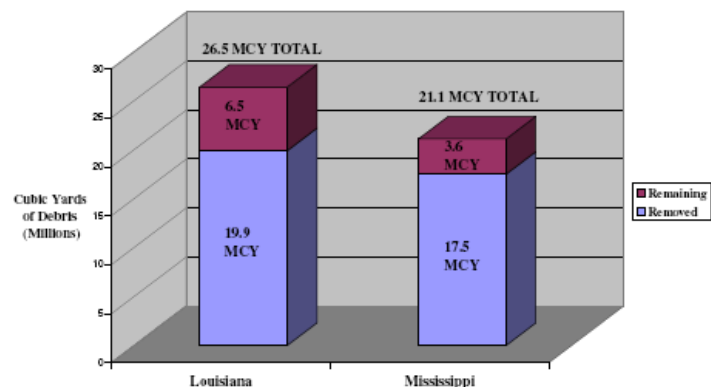
**2010** — Other improvements, such as reinforcing levees and flood proofing pumping stations, will also be made to optimize performance of the existing system.

The % figures represent actual construction. The reason Orleans East Bank shows only 22% is that the construction there includes additional improvements (temporary gate closures and pumps).

### Louisiana and Mississippi Debris Removal

Hurricane Katrina created more debris in Mississippi than any disaster the United States has ever faced. In fact in Mississippi alone, Katrina generated more than three times the debris generated by Hurricane Andrew. Responsible for removing only the debris from public rights of way and debris considered by the county to be an immediate hazard or health issue, the Corps is removing more than 23 million cubic yards of the Mississippi debris and 26 million cubic yards of the Louisiana debris.

2005 Hurricane Debris Removal

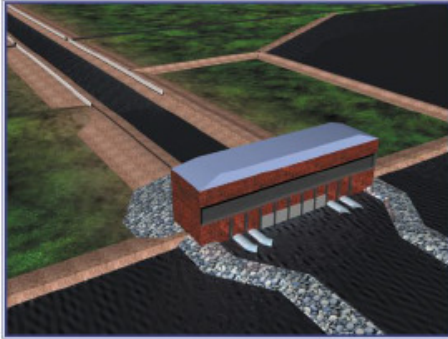




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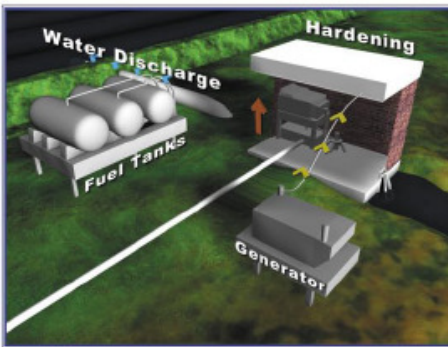
On February 16, the Bush Administration asked Congress to support an additional \$1.46 billion in new funding for improvements to southeast Louisiana's hurricane protection system. If approved, the proposal would pay for:

### Permanent Pumps and Closures

- Permanent pumps and closures for New Orleans' three outfall canals.
- Two navigable closures that would prevent hurricane surge from entering the Industrial Canal area.

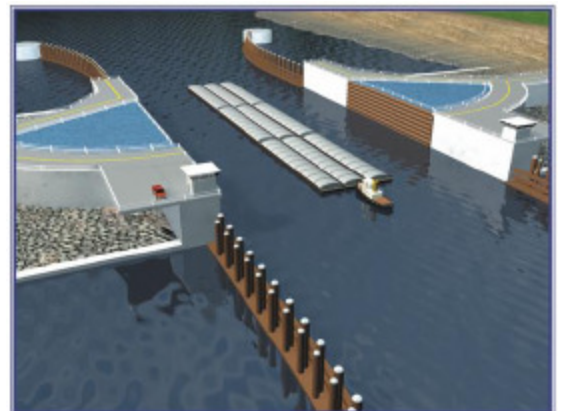
### Storm-Proofing Pump Stations

- Storm-proofing existing interior drainage pump stations in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.
- Selective armoring for critical portions of the New Orleans levee system.
- Incorporation of Plaquemines Parish west bank, non-federal levees into the federal levee system.
- Restoration of critical areas of coastal wetlands and ecosystems needed to improve long-term hurricane and storm protection.



← Selective Armoring

Navigable Closures →





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**Mountains of Debris.** Working through its Regional Field Offices in Louisiana and Mississippi, Task Force Hope is cleaning up almost 50 million cubic tons of debris. The amount of debris already removed would make a two foot wide, three foot high pile of debris that would surpass the circumference of the earth in length. Despite the massive scope of the clean-up (March 17<sup>th</sup> marked the 200<sup>th</sup> day of the Corps' recovery operations), the Corps is committed to accomplishing the debris removal mission as quickly and effectively as possible. While doing this, we are also working to ensure the safety of the public, the contractor workforce and its employees, while also safeguarding the property rights of citizens and meeting all environmental and legal requirements.

**Keating Visit.** Admiral Timothy Keating, Commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command, responds to New Orleans District employee and Task Force Hope worker Lynn Tinto while being briefed at the 17th St. Canal breach.





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Where can you find the latest information about the Corps' Hurricane Katrina work?

**The Hurricane Response website is located at:**

**<http://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/hurricane/>**

#### Points of Contact for Information:

Topic	Phone	Organization
Overall information about work being performed by the Corps of Engineers in the New Orleans District	504-862-2126	New Orleans District Public Affairs
Levee construction being performed to restore the hurricane and flood protection system to pre-Katrina condition by June 1, 2006	504-862-2076	Task Force Guardian Public Affairs
Debris Removal in Louisiana	225-218-9325	Louisiana Recovery Field Office
Debris Removal in Mississippi	601-631-5052	Mississippi Recovery Field Office
Overall Task Force Hope Information	504-862-1836	Task Force Hope Public Affairs