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Corps makes floodwall repairs on Company Canal

NEW ORLEANS—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin the process to start repairs on 2,400 feet of floodwalls on the Company Canal, according to Col. Richard Wagenaar, New Orleans District commander.

“In reanalysis of all I-walls, it was determined that the existing design did not meet the current Post-Katrina criteria necessitating the need for interim repairs. Additionally, during the 2006 emergency armoring repairs, the walls settled,” said Wagenaar. “In order to maintain the level of safety necessary for West Bank residents we plan to move ahead as quickly as possible with repairs.”

To accomplish these repairs and to stay on time for other ongoing work in the canal, Col. Wagenaar has signed an emergency work declaration. This will allow for concurrent construction and environmental clearance to allow completion of interim protection by mid-summer.

Since Hurricane Katrina, the Corps has been investigating and re-analyzing all area floodwalls using design criteria and lessons learned based on the Interagency Performance Evaluation Taskforce (IPET) investigation recommendations. When deficiencies are discovered, repairs are made according to these lessons learned from IPET.

Start up of the project will be based on obtaining of rights-of-way, relocation agreements, solicitation of proposals, and contract awards. It is anticipated that temporary measures will be in place by mid-summer and maintained by the construction contractor throughout the duration of the upcoming hurricane season. Construction will be completed by the end of 2007.

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The New Orleans District provides comprehensive water resources management to include navigation, flood and hurricane storm damage reduction and environmental stewardship for South Louisiana to ensure public safety and benefit the nation. And to be prepared to conduct contingency operations and support the national response plan.