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Corps repairing Mississippi River levee crown

2-month job: rock placement for 32 miles below New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is placing surfacing rock on the Mississippi River levee below New Orleans to repair Hurricane Katrina damage to the crown, the flat area on top.

The crushed limestone is being placed on 32 miles of east bank levee from the ferry landing below Braithwaite downriver to Pointe a la Hache. The two-month job will be concluded by mid-May and cost \$2.2 million.

“This work is important to provide all-weather accessibility for vehicles to perform levee inspection and repair,” said Pierre Hingle, the Corps’ resident engineer for the project.

Crews from the Corps’ Memphis District will work seven days a week, daylight hours only. The rock will arrive by barge at two truck ramps: one, a mile above the Pointe a la Hache ferry landing, and a second at Phoenix.

Work vessels will include several rock barges, a spud barge with a loading crane and the tug MV Goodwin. Additional floating plant is moored on the west bank, about one mile upriver from the West Pointe a la Hache ferry landing.

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