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Water levels continue to drop in New Orleans' Lower 9th Ward

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 27 – Water levels continued to drop Monday in the city's Lower 9th Ward as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the city sewer and water board pump water from the flooded area.

Water levels in the neighborhood have receded more than 4 feet since storm surge overtopped the Corps' emergency levee repairs Friday. Current water levels in area range from 2- to 4-feet.

A team of Corps and Dutch engineers brought additional temporary pumps to the area Monday via barge to boost the city's pumping capacity in the area.

"We continue to make great progress on unwatering the 9th Ward," said Col. Duane Gapinski, commander of the Corps' unwatering task force. "Getting the water out of the area and providing emergency levee protection is key to bringing life back to the area."

The Corps expects to have the water pumped out of the area by Oct. 2, Gapinski said.

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