

# Mayor's Military Advisory Committee

## Opening remarks for Col. Peter J. Rowan

February 10, 2004, 8:15 a.m.

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### **TEXT**

Greetings. I am COL Peter Rowan, District Engineer. Once again, we at the New Orleans District are pleased to host the Mayor's Military Advisory Committee.

The Corps is active around the world. What we do: Technical Assistance (tan). Construction (green).

How the Corps is organized in Iraq.

Iraq is exporting oil. With Corps' help. Not only that. Exports are above target. And above the prewar rate of 1.5mm B/D

Lights are staying on longer in Iraq. We're mostly in the amber. Job to do: Need green.

Now, some Corps projects in N.O. area. First, Pontchartrain and Vic. HP Project. This year we are under extreme funding restrictions. We expressed a need for \$20 million and received \$5.5 million. Next year, we could use over \$22 million. The initial Administration budget shows \$3.4 million. We can only complete four ongoing contracts and cannot award new contracts without more funding. This will delay contracts to protect pumping stations in Orleans Parish, enlarge levees in Jefferson and Orleans parishes, and build structures and levees in St. Charles.

8. West Bank and Vicinity map. The West Bank and Vicinity: Hurricane protection for the West Bank in the N.O. area. The project was appropriated \$28.5 million for FY04. Six contracts under construction: one in the Westwego to Harvey Canal area, one in the Lake Cataouatche area, and four in the East of Harvey Canal area. For FY 05, the Administration's budget is \$37 million.
9. SELA pump impeller in East Jeff SELA project received \$26.2 million for fiscal year 2004. Continued funding of ongoing contracts would require an additional \$16 million this year. The anticipated fiscal year 2005 budget amount of \$30 million would be adequate to continue existing contracts. Another 13 contracts remain to be awarded, pending availability of funds.
10. IHNC Lock Replacement. Aerial of existing lock Replacing the Industrial Canal Lock the 2nd national priority of the inland waterway users. Construction has been under way for more than four years. In Fiscal Year 04 we requested \$20 million and received \$13 million. In Fiscal Year 05 we could use over \$24 million, and the Administration's budget is \$10 million. Work at present includes lock design, demolition and cleanup of the eastside industrial businesses, and community mitigation.
11. Louisiana Coastal Area. Graphic Now, our most important project -- the Louisiana Coastal Area Ecosystem Restoration. In FY 04 our goal is to begin detailed study and design of restoration features. Washington recognizes the problem, providing us with \$1.625 million in FY 04 and \$8 million in FY 05.
12. Close. Photo montage No. 1 Our people at the New Orleans District have been directly involved in the Corps' work in Iraq and Afghanistan. About 400 Corps people are deployed in those countries and Kuwait. Here are some deployees from the N.O. District.
13. Close. Photo montage No. 2 We have 22 deployed as civilians and 12 as reservists. Of these, 12 civilians and 7 reservists remain deployed at this time. We are proud of them and their devotion.
- NOTE: After the meeting, we will offer a tour of the Corps dredge Wheeler. You may have seen it on the way in. A sign-up sheet will be circulated if you are interested. Please -- no high heels.