



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

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To: News Media
From: The Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans
Re: Heavy Rains

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Heavy Rains Cause Some
Street Flooding In Parts of City

The Sewerage & Water Board said that early morning heavy rainfall caused some flooding of streets and underpass roadways today.

Some of the rainfall totals were 2.5 to 3.25 inches in an hour on the East Bank of Orleans Parish and 1.5 inches in an hour in Algiers.

In some areas, the rainfall exceeded the pumping capacity of the drainage system for a short time. The water receded quickly once the rainfall ended.

The capacity is one inch of rainfall for the first hour and one-half inch for every hour thereafter.

The Board's power plant did lose Entergy power 3 times during a 35-minute period, but was able to switch to its own power source quickly. Entergy power has now been restored.

Some drainage pumps at some stations were affected, but all stations were in operation using other pumps.

As of 8:04 a.m. the Board's Power Plant and drainage network were back to full operation. Drainage stations were able to pump down to normal levels before 9 a.m.

The Board's staff was able to balance power to run both the drainage and water systems. Water pressure at the plant did drop slightly for a short period of time, but was quickly restored to full pressure.

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