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Re: Repairs to Drainage Pumping Station No. 7

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Joint Press Conference Describes Immediate Repairs to Sewerage and Water Board Drainage Pump Station 7

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, the New Orleans District of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East and the Orleans Parish Levee District today announced important repairs to be performed at the Board's Drainage Pumping Station #7.

DPS 7 is located on Orleans Avenue near the Marconi Underpass and serves the Mid City and City Park areas.

This past Sunday, southwest winds from Tropical Storm Fay caused a drop in Lake Pontchartrain's levels of approximately 3 feet. This drop exposed significant deterioration in the discharge tubes of three of the station's five pumps.

Upon discovering this deterioration on Monday, the Board quickly drew up an action plan to remedy this situation. This plan involved the immediate construction of a cofferdam approximately 300 feet from the discharge tubes that will facilitate both the repair of the discharge tubes and also allow for normal drainage pumping at the station.

The Board has retained Boh Brothers Construction Company to perform these repairs. The initial phase of the repair project, which will begin today, is expected to last several days while the permanent repair work is expected to last at least 6 to 9 months. Throughout this period the station will function as normal.