

*Advance Copy*QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON
LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN HURRICANE PROJECT

Q1. What items of construction common to the barrier plan and high level plan are completed or scheduled for completion through FY 1983?

A1. All of the items completed or scheduled for completion through FY 1983 are common to both plans except the 1st lift on West Chef Levee, Chef Menteur-GIWW Relocation, and the Airport and Marina Floodwalls. The common items consist of 31 items in the Chalmette Plan and 42 items in New Orleans East area.

Q2. What additional items common to the barrier plan and high level plan are scheduled for construction in FY 1984 and FY 1985?

A2. All of the items scheduled for construction in FY 1984 and FY 1985 and programmed on the FY 1985 "I" submission except the Seabrook lock are common to both plans.

The common items in FY 1984 and FY 1985 are:

- a. Foreshore protection, Citrus Lakefront Levee, IHNC to Paris Road,*
- b. Chalmette Unit, Sta. 278-355, 2d lift,
- c. Mandeville Seawall,
- d. Citrus Back Levee, Sta. 176-574, 3d lift,
- e. Foreshore protection, New Orleans Lakefront Levee, Paris Road to Southpoint and,*
- f. Chalmette Unit, Sta. 370-682, Final Enlargement.

*Planned work represents the total requirements under the barrier plan and a practicable increment of the work which would be needed under the high level plan if that plan is adopted.

Q3. Are there any additional common items that can be scheduled for construction in FY 1986 and beyond?

A3. Yes, there are 4 common items, as follows:

- a. New Orleans East Back Levee, Sta. 773-1006, Levee Enlargement, award in FY 1986,
- b. Chalmette Unit, Sta. 9+80-65+00, Levee Enlargement, award in FY 1986,
- c. Chalmette Unit, Sta. 65-355, Levee Enlargement, award in FY 1986 and,
- d. Chalmette Unit, Pipeline Canal and Gap Closure, 3d lift, award in FY 1987.

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Q4. How long can an effective construction program on common items be maintained?

A4. Construction can be maintained until completion of the contract in 3d above in FY 1987. However an effective construction program on common items is not being maintained at the present time in that we are not funding and constructing the highest priority hurricane protection items that front Lake Pontchartrain. Construction on all such items including New Orleans Lakefront Floodwalls, Orleans Outfall Canals, St. Charles Parish Levee and New Orleans Lakefront Levees is constrained by the lack of a decision.

Q5. and Q6. What is the approximate date that detailed engineering and design must be initiated on the high level plan to provide for orderly transition of construction (i.e., no construction delay) from the barrier plan to the high level plan? What is the approximate date that a final decision to adopt the high level plan must be made in order to not delay project construction?

A5. and A6. We began detailed engineering and design work on the high level plan several months ago when it became likely that the high level plan would be ultimately selected. We anticipate completion of Design Memorandum No. 13, General Design, Orleans Parish Levee West of IHNC - the first item of E&D solely for the high level plan - by October 1984. Accordingly, any delay beyond, say, September 1984 will result in delaying the date of which construction of the high level plan can be initiated.

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