

Conclusions of the USACE Nov. 2012 Slidell presentation

After hurricane Isaac flooded large areas of the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain the Corps was directed to study if Corps' structures on the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain had a negative impact on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The Corps held public meetings to present their findings. At the Corps' meeting on November 14, 2012, the meeting quickly changed focus from hurricane Isaac to the need for surge structures at the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass.

Please review the enclosed videos (in the Corps' own words), which expose Corps of Engineers' mistakes and faulty data used in evaluating the impact their structures have on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

1. The Corps' models concluded that their structures did not adversely impact flooding within the Lake Pontchartrain basin, but this video exposes the fact that 60% of the Corps' structures were not evaluated and their models and conclusions are invalid; in the Corps' own words. This video also offers a reason why the Corps failed to evaluate 60% of their structures. If structures at the lake's passes become a mitigation project then funding, design and construction is fast tracked and could be built within 3 years similar to what the Corps did in closing the MRGO. <http://youtu.be/PkmatvfMIRk>
2. The following video exposes the myth and misinformation that surge structures at the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass would impact populated areas of Mississippi. At first the Corps said barriers would have a "huge" impact on Mississippi, but then had to admit that barriers would only increase the surge by less than 6" at Bay St. Louis; in the Corps' own words. <http://youtu.be/GWomkLyM30>
3. The following video exposed the myth that the Corps needs additional congressional authority before they can study, design or build storm surge structures at the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass; in the Corps' own words. <http://youtu.be/2uZuwC-Ymsk>
4. The following video gives the Corps' history of why they chose not to build barriers to protect the entire Lake Pontchartrain basin and chose to protect Orleans only. It also exposed the myth that environmental issues stopped the Corps from building storm surge structures at the Rigolets and Chef Menteur Pass; in the Corps' own words. Lake structures would protect all seven parishes that surround the Lake Pontchartrain basin and can be built for as little as \$4 billion, depending on which design is selected with little impact to populated areas of Mississippi. The Louisiana State Master Plan study said it is the most cost effective project in the state. Storm structures would save tens of billions of dollars! The cost benefit ratio of barriers is undeniable. <http://youtu.be/XnwVLkmY4sk>

The Corps of Engineers must revise their models to include all of their structures since 1965 (not since 2005) to correctly evaluate their impact on the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain.

Please forward this information to everyone on your email address list and have them contact their congressman and request the Corps take immediate action to correct their models to analyze the impact of all their structures, not just 40%. Congress has to know how important storm surge protection is to you!