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Your flood defense system

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**The Flood Protection Authority on Sewerage and Water Board  
Interim Emergency Management and Support Team**

**New Orleans** -The Flood Protection Authority will assist the N.O. Sewerage and Water Board to provide effective flood defense and stormwater management for the citizens of New Orleans through the rest of this hurricane season. Joe Hassinger, President of the Flood Protection Authority says, “The City and the Sewerage and Water Board are taking action to address their challenges and we welcome the opportunity to assist them. Bob Turner, our Director of Engineering and Operations, will be detailed to the Sewerage and Water Board for the next several months to assist them through hurricane season and as they transition to success.”

Robert (Bob) A. Turner, Jr. is a Registered Professional Civil Engineer with more than thirty-five years of experience. He is a graduate of Louisiana Tech University and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Mr. Turner has an extensive background in flood protection and public works, including serving as the Executive Director of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and as the Director of Public Works for St. Bernard Parish. He also served as the Louisiana State representative on the National Committee on Levee Safety.

Hassinger says, “We recognize the leadership of the Mayor and City Council in implementing steps to reform and bolster the Sewerage and Water Board’s capabilities and we will do our part to help. In the meantime, the Flood Protection Authority is fortunate to have a depth of experience and capability that allows it to remain fully able and ready to perform its duties in advance of and during tropical storm systems. When the storm comes, every component of your flood defense system will perform to protect against the destruction of lives and property.”

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