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# The Flood Protection Authority – East Announces All FLOODGATES ARE NOW CLOSED

**New Orleans, LA** - The Flood Protection Authority efficiently and effectively completed closing all of the floodgate closures in the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). Derek Boese, the Flood Authority's Chief Administrative Officer, says, "Our Emergency Operations Center will remain open 24 hours a day throughout the duration of the storm. All essential personnel are at duty stations."

The Authority is coordinating with East Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes' officials. In St. Bernard Parish, the Flood Authority will have the drainage pump operators stationed in the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District this afternoon.

Boese says, "Due to strong winds and storm surge, we ask the public to stay away from levees and Lakeshore Drive along Lake Pontchartrain during the storm.

See floodgates closures below:

#### **NOTICE**

As of 2:45PM, Saturday October 7, 2017

#### Hurricane Nate

### All Hurricane System Floodgates Are Closed, including:

- All floodgates along Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans
- West End floodgate in New Orleans
- Bonnabel Blvd. floodgate at Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie
- Williams Blvd. floodgate at Lake Pontchartrain in Metairie
- Lakefront Airport floodgate in New Orleans
- Highway 11 floodgate in New Orleans
- Highway 90 floodgate in New Orleans
- Highway 39 floodgate in St. Bernard
- Highway 46 floodgate in St. Bernard
- All floodgates at railroad crossings
- All Navigation Structures Are Closed, including:
- Seabrook Complex
- Lake Borgne Surge Barrier
- Bayou Bienvenue Sector Gate
- Bayou Dupre Sector Gate
- Caernaryon Sector Gate

For more information, go to floodauthority.org.

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