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Your Flood Defense System

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The Flood Protection Authority – East operates and maintains the best flood defense system in the United States and one of the best in the world. Our system, composed of 192 miles of levees and floodwalls, 11 barrier structures and 253 floodgates, protects hundreds of thousands of people and almost \$80B in infrastructure.

The Corps classifies risk based on Performance, Hazards and Consequences. The East Bank system is expected to continue to perform as designed due to superior design and construction, as well as constant inspections and oversight on a daily basis. The system has been successfully tested on a regular basis through events such as Hurricanes Gustav, Isaac and most recently Nate, and multiple Mississippi River high river events.

The Corps has classified our system as High Risk primarily based on New Orleans' location on the Gulf Coast and the amount of people and property who would be impacted by a significant event. While the Flood Protection Authority - East is confident in the East Bank system's ability to protect against a 100 year event, we recognize that we can never fully eliminate risk.

This is why the Flood Protection Authority - East undertakes numerous programs to manage that risk – including adding armoring to our levees to make them more resilient and informing people through Public Service Announcements, public education programs, community presentations, our website and social media to remain vigilant. We strongly encourage people to take appropriate actions during storm season in order to be prepared and take care of themselves and their family.

The Flood Protection Authority – East takes its mission to protect the people and property of East Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard Parishes very seriously, and we are confident that the system will perform as designed.

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