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COMPLEX STRUCTURES TO CLOSE DUE TO TROPICAL STORM BARRY

New Orleans, LA – Leadership of the Flood Protection Authority will begin closing complex structures today due to the projected wind conditions of Tropical Storm Barry.

The Surge Barrier located in New Orleans East, will close at 6:00 PM today. Immediately following we will close the Seabrook Sector Gate located at the mouth of the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal (IHNC). On Friday, July 12, 2019 beginning at 2:00 AM we will close Bayou Dupre. Beginning at 4:00 AM we will Caernarvon followed by Bayou Bienvenue at 6:00 AM.

According to the National Weather Service (NWS) Tropical Storm Barry is expected to produce impacts to portions of southeastern Louisiana and southern Mississippi. The storm currently has rainfall predictions of **10 to 15 inches** through Monday, with a high chance of locally higher amounts that could lead to flash flooding.

Higher than normal tides and gusty winds will also be possible depending on the eventual track, size and strength of the system. Coastal Flooding will become an issue as storm surge is expected to develop with this system. Storm surge values of **3 to 6 feet** are possible in the warning area, **2 to 4** feet in the watch area, and **1 to 3** feet inside Lake Pontchartrain and Maurepas.

We will post more information on our website www.floodauthority.org under the “Storm Updates” tab on the homepage.