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THE FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY MONITORS INVEST-92L

New Orleans, LA – In preparation of the potential impact of Invest 92L the Flood Protection Authority will take several measures to ensure to the safety and protection of the area. In accordance with our emergency operations procedures we are in the process of closing several flood gates and structures that will have an impact on river and rail traffic in the area.

In St. Bernard Parish, we have closed all 11 Maintenance Gates between Bayou Bienvenue and Caernarvon. We have removed guard rails at all highway Gates in preparation for closures at a later date. We have closed two Nonessential Mississippi River Gates, which includes Riverboat Access to the Chalmette Battlefield.

We have inspected all Drainage Canals in St. Bernard Parish. Beginning Wednesday at 6:00 PM we will begin closing all river gates.

As we continue to monitor weather conditions, we anticipate closing Bayou Dupre and Caernarvon Sector Gates on Friday, July 12, 2019, subject to tidal conditions.

In Orleans Parish, we will not close any gates Tuesday, but will begin the process of closures on Wednesday beginning at 6:00 AM. These closures will include three pedestrian gates areas around Spanish Plaza, the Riverwalk, and the Hilton Hotel area.

Wednesday evening all other gate closures along the River will begin at the gate near the Inner Harbor Navigational Canal Lock then proceed up the Mississippi River ending near Audubon Park by Thursday evening (7/10/19). Please note these closures will eventually cease all rail and road traffic operations.

The latest information from the U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) This disturbance has the potential to produce heavy rainfall from the Upper Texas Coast to the Florida Panhandle during the next several days. In addition, this system could produce wind and storm surge impacts later this week or this weekend from Louisiana to the Upper Texas coast, and interests along the Gulf Coast should continue to monitor its progress.

We encourage the public to monitor the Levee Information Management System (LIMS) on our website through the “Storm Updates” tab on our homepage. Please visit www.floodauthority.org for more.