

CURRENT STATE ACTIONS AND RESPONSES:

GOHSEP

- o A Mississippi River and Atchafalaya River Task Force conference is scheduled for Friday 1/8/2016.
- o A Unified Command Group Meeting was held Friday 1/8/2016.
- o GOHSEP Logistics has distributed 26,000 sandbags with an additional 13,000 scheduled for delivery tomorrow. Our beginning total was 881,000 sandbags leaving an inventory total of 842,000 sandbags as of 1/7/2016.
- o GOHSEP has issued 13,000 sandbags to West Feliciana, 13,000 to Angola Prison, and 26,000 sandbags to Avoyelles Parish.
- o In coordination with requesting parishes, DOTD and COE, 4,000 additional sandbags and 300 linear feet of HESCO was distributed to Tensas Parish, 30,000 linear feet of HESCO to Concordia Parish, 2,100 linear feet of HESCO for St. Charles Parish and twenty 2,000 lb. super sandbags for bridge support was given to Avoyelles Parish.

LOUISIANA NATIONAL GUARD

- o LANG has over 7,000 Guardsmen available to respond in the event they are needed to support State and local agencies.
- o LANG is utilizing full time personnel and manning our JOC at Camp Beauregard to quickly respond to tasking from the State EOC.
- o A LANG TAC within GOHSEP will continue to match the hours that GOHSEP operates.
- o To date, 256 troops have been activated across the state with the total probably moving to 300 over the weekend.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

- o Coordinating efforts with local authorities and patrolling the levee system twice a week.
- o Currently tracking 47 inspection sites. Deficiencies include: broken slope pavement, animal burrows, erosion, and shrinkage cracks. Continuing to monitor 5 potential seepage areas, and an area of slides just south of Algiers Lock.
- o EOC open 7 days a week from 0700 to 1730.
- o Issued press releases and has alerted the public about the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and the possible opening of the Morganza Spillway.

LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

- o State Police EOC personnel are monitoring the threat, are engaged with other public safety partners, and will be monitoring WebEOC for mission or asset requests.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

- o The Plaquemine Ferry shut down ferry service at 6:00 am Friday 1/8/2016 to allow the DOTD district maintenance crews to re-build the highest ramp. They are estimating 6-8 hours to complete the project at which time we will resume ferry service. Rebuilding the higher ramp will allow us to remain in service for several additional days while the river stage continues to rise.
- o DOTD has been installing HESCOs on US 61, as well as working to provide HESCOS in Morgan City.

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

- o Deer Hunting Closure in Deer Hunting Area 9: Title 76 (Part XIX, Section 111F, 6vii) – Deer hunting is those portions of Iberia, Iberville, St. Martin, and St. Mary Parishes south of I-10, west of the East Guide Levee, east of the West Guide Levee, and north of US 90 will be closed when the river stage of the Atchafalaya River reaches 18 feet at Butte Larose (this benchmark is expected to be reached either Friday or Saturday)
- o Revised Deer Hunting Closure for North Louisiana – The “Partial Deer Hunting Season Closure” for the area east of US 65 from the Arkansas state line to Vidalia, Louisiana will reopen 30 minutes before sunrise on Saturday January 9th unless further measures due to the flooding are necessary. However, land from the levee to the Mississippi River in this area will remain closed until further notice.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

- o LDEQ personnel attended a conference call with State Police and EPA.
- o Regional office personnel have been attending meetings in their areas concerning the opening of the Bonnet Carre Spillway and the Morganza Spillway.

RED CROSS

- o Participated in a planning conference call with Red Cross national, Divisional, and Regional Disaster Cycle Services Leadership (DCS) on 1/6/16 to update the team on Louisiana Regional planning activities.
- o Participated in a preliminary conference call with GOHSEP and Department of Children and Family Services to develop a contingency plan for areas on concern due to the opening of the Morganza Spillway.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

- o Information has been received from Entergy concerning de-energizing of some locations due to high water.
- o De-energized Farmers Grain in Waterproof on January 6th. De-energized Bungee Grain Terminal in St. Joseph on January 7th. We are evaluating the need to de-energize Bungee Elevator at the Tallulah Port by later this week.

LOUISIANA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

o LED has alerted our consulting economist to be on standby to conduct impact analysis to support the federal disaster declaration.

o The Business Expansion group is reviewing the LED list of economic driver companies located in the affected parishes to determine which of the companies might be affected due to the proximity to the rivers, floodways, and river basins. This list will be finalized Friday 1/8/16.

o LED staff is maintaining dialogue with regional economic development organizations in each affected area of the State to assess and respond to any threats.

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

o Participated in a preliminary conference call with GOHSEP and Red Cross to develop a contingency plan for areas of concern due to the opening of the Morganza Spillway.

o DCFS-EP is in contact with stakeholders and is monitoring WebEOC and the flooding incidents.

o Emergency center staff is on standby and regional coordinators are on alert.

COASTAL PROTECTION AND RESTORATION AUTHORITY

o CPRA is coordinating with local, state and federal entities while maintaining communications with the USACE and levee districts for the latest forecasts.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

o DNR is in constant communication with emergency personnel and has issued notices to oil and gas operations to secure operations.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

o Louisiana State Penitentiary staff and offenders have secured a small portion of the levee around Angola that was damaged earlier in the year as a result of high water. The slide area is being supported with visqueen and sandbags.

o The Department is reviewing contingency plans for evacuation of offenders from Louisiana State Penitentiary. Based on current projections, DOC does not anticipate having to move offenders but is reviewing plans and triggers in the 2011 flooding situation to respond appropriately if necessary.

o DOC is working cooperatively with GOHSEP, the Army Corps of Engineers and the West Feliciana Sheriff's Department.

CURRENT PARISH ACTIONS

All involved parishes are monitoring the situation and on standby for response efforts.

ASCENSION

o Parish has reached out to the private industry that maintains the docks along the river and advised that they coordinate with the USCG and OHSEP should issues arise. They will also serve as river spotters.

ASSUMPTION

o Parish is participating in conference calls with GOHSEP and Terrebonne Parish.

AVOYELLES

- o The major concern with flooding is the backwater of the rivers overflowing into smaller bayous and bodies of water. The following communities could possibly be affected: of Brouillette, Simmesport, Bordelonville Big Bend, Rexmier and Effie.
- o There will be sandbag fill sites set up at different fire departments throughout the flood prone areas.
- o AOHSEP has approximately 3,000 sand bags unfilled and the sand has been ordered to fill approximately 5,000 bags. They have also received 13000 sandbags and 20 separate 2000 lb. super bags.
- o Five (5) camps are still without power, Cleco will disconnect another 277 meters to camps and residents by Tuesday to the Grassy Lake, Red River Bay and Grand Lake area.
- o The RRABB Levee Board has finished installing cattle guards on the Atchafalaya and will start this weekend monitoring all levees on Phase 1.
- o AOHSEP has brought sand and sandbags to the following fire departments: Big Bend, Brouillette, Effie and Simmesport for residents to fill sandbags as needed.

BOSSIER

- o Filled sandbags left over from the May-June flood event have been inspected and inventoried. Unfilled bags and dry sand have been placed in filling stations. Two new fully automatic sandbag machines will arrive January 15th which almost doubled the parish's historic effort/capability of the Summer of 2015.
- o The POD location at Bossier Highway Department 410 Mayfield Street in Benton will be manned Monday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Friday and Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. In addition to the POD offering sandbags, a Public Works crew will be on duty and staged at the Mayfield Street facility with all needed equipment including dump trucks, front end loaders and bulldozers.

CADDO

- o Sandbags are available daily to citizens at the Caddo parish Public Works and City of Shreveport Public Works facilities.

CATAHOULA

- o The Tensas Basin Levee District has closed 14 drainage structures in the Parish due to rising water levels on the Black, Ouachita, Little, And Tensas Rivers.
- o The Levee District will close the drainage structure in Jonesville, La. at the 49 ft. level. Presently the level has been rising about 4-6 inches every 24 hours. This drainage structure drains the treated water from the Waste Water Treatment System for Jonesville, La into the Little River.
- o The system has about a 400,000 gal. per day outflow.
- o The town of Jonesville has received 2 pumps from COE and the Tensas Levee has closed 4 openings of the seawall.
- o DOTD is placing barricades on Highway 3102 at the Larto Lake Spillway Roadway. Water from the Red River will begin to cover this roadway by 1/8/16.

CONCORDIA

- o HESCO baskets are currently being put in place at priority locations on Vidalia Riverfront.
- o National Guard to commence 24 hour levee patrols starting at 0700 hours on Friday 1/8/16.

EAST CARROLL

- o The Levee Board Fifth District and the Corps of Engineers are aware of the mudslide on the levee. They will be taking the appropriate action to maintain situational control.
- o Parish has started sandbagging at the Ragland Boat Landing area across the levee.
- o DOTD, Wildlife and Fisheries, Levee Board, and COE are monitoring the levee and do not anticipate the possibility of needing National Guard assistance until next week.
- o Camp owners have been asked to retrieve any belongings they may want before 1/8/2016 as all traffic will be prohibited on the levee with the exception of public officials.
- o Road crews are cleaning ditches to assist with drainage issues.

JEFFERSON

- o Per Gretna Public Works: a barge was struck and broke loose from its moorings which then hit and damaged the protective dolphin of the Gretna water intake. There was no damage to the water intake.

LAFOURCHE

- o In the process of placing HESCO baskets at the Leighton Pump Station and building a limestone levee at the Morvant Pump Station in preparation for rising water levels.
- o Lafourche Parish and the North Lafourche Levee District are putting in to water level gauges at Leighton and Morvant Pump Stations to monitor the water levels. NLLD will report levels to the Army Corps of Engineers.

MADISON

- o Parish agencies including Sheriff's Department, Public Works, Levee District and Wildlife and Fisheries are monitoring levee conditions.
- o National Guard troops are on standby to begin levee patrols next week when needed.
- o Public Works is monitoring drainage in vulnerable areas.
- o Camp owners have been advised to retrieve their belongings by Friday 1/8/16.
- o The port has moved most grain away from storage near the river and levee.

ORLEANS

- o Levee agencies are coordinating with USACE to inspect and patrol levees twice a week.

- o NOHSEP has notified Amtrak, Canadian National and Kansas City Southern Railroads of information related to the Bonnet Carre Spillway with regards to their operations.

POINTE COUPEE

- o PCPSO has issued an Operations Plan for the flooding event.
- o Staged equipment has been checked and readied for any levee breaches.
- o In supplement of the USACE and Levee Board checks, PCPSO/OHSEP will conduct daily patrols of the levee systems to monitor for slides, seepage and sand boils. There has also been coordination with LAND to further supplement these patrols.
- o Levee Board started placing super packs along lower parts of the northern forebay guide levee as of 1/5/16.
- o Farmers cut a gap in the Potato Levee approximately 2,600 ft. from South Guide Levee to increase flow into the forebay.
- o Pointe Coupee Detention Center filled 1,400 sandbags on 1/6/16 and have been pre-staged at the Multi-Use Center in New Roads.
- o PCPSO/OHSEP will conduct a parish stakeholder meeting on 1/12/16.

PLAQUEMINES

- o Levee Superintendent is working closely with contractors working on the numerous levee projects.
- o Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office will begin issuing citations to any unauthorized vehicles on the levees.
- o Parish has begun conducting Phase 2 Inspections today on the Mississippi River levee.
- o Levee inspections are being conducted daily and only minimum issues have been discovered and will be monitored.
- o Plaquemines Parish Port and Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office have offered assistance doing inspections from the water side and air.
- o Parish government currently has 50,000 sandbags filled and 130,000 empty sandbags in storage ready to be filled if necessary. Also available is 600 feet of Tiger Dams including pumps.

ST. BERNARD

- o Daily inspections are being conducted by LBBLD.
- o Parish has reached out to the private industry that maintain the docks along the river and advised them to coordinate with the USCG and OHSEP should issues arise on the docks.
- o EOC is coordinating with Parish administration, GOHSEP, LBBLD, and COE. Social media is being utilized to inform residents of the current situation.

ST. CHARLES

- o The Bonne Carre Spillway road between River Road to Montz has been closed until further notice due to high river water.
- o Parish is hosting conference calls with USCG and local industry to coordinate marine activities and address any concerns.

- o Sandbags, HESCO's and Tiger Dams have been inventoried.

ST. LANDRY

- o A letter to the Mayor of Krotz Springs has been submitted requesting repairs to a specific part of the levee system in Krotz Springs in result of an assessment completed on 1/6/16.

ST. JAMES

- o Parish is participating in conference calls with GOHSEP and COE.
- o Parish has limited amount of sandbags available if needed.
- o A stakeholder meeting was held on January 5, 2016 with the Parish Government, Law Enforcement, Town of Lutcher, Grammercy, Lafourche Levee District, and the Pontchartrain Levee District.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

- o EOC is working closely with Lafourche Basin Levee District, Pontchartrain Levee District and COE with rising river concerns.
- o Participating in conference calls with USCG and local industry to coordinate marine activities and address any concerns.
- o Parish Utilities Department has a broken water pipe in LaPlace. Due to the location on highway 628, which runs next to the river, we are working with Pontchartrain Levee District and COE to determine if they can make the repair.
- o Sandbags have been inventoried.

TENSAS

- o Parish is involved in reinforcing Old Ring Levee which protects 2 parish roads and 2500 acres.
- o GOHSEP has supplied the parish with HESCO baskets and sandbags.
- o Police Jury in coordination with landowners are bringing the levee up above MSL crest in Vicksburg of 52.5.
- o Sand has been procured and Superbag bagging operations is in its third day.
- o National Guard patrols will begin 24 hour operations on Friday 1/8/2016.

WEST FELICIANA

- o LSP – Angola is conducting sandbagging operations on a slide on their levee system. Aerial inspections of levee systems began 12/29 and will continue as needed or requested.
- o DEMCO is cutting service to Cat Island area for safety and security reasons.
- o Parish EOC is partially activated.
- o Sheriff's Office is assisting Angola with daily SITREPs and will begin daily levee patrols with helicopter to check for sand boils beginning Friday 1/8/16. They are also conducting law enforcement patrols on the river and in flooded areas by boat.