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## **Sewerage and Water Board Dedicates New Central Yard Annex, Tuesday, May 19, 2015**

**NEW ORLEANS ---** The New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board will host a dedication ceremony at the agency’s new Central Yard Annex Building on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at 2900 Peoples Avenue in New Orleans. S&WB Executive Director Cedric Grant, S&WB General Superintendent, Joseph Becker, and FEMA Public Assistance Branch Chief, Eddie Williams are scheduled to give remarks at the dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic damage to the original building, resulting in its demolition. Pre-Katrina the Annex Building was located at the front of the main entrance to Central Yard. It was a place where crew members met to board the trucks as they left for the day’s route.

The new Annex Building has been relocated to a more convenient location in the Central Yard complex. This is a more efficient and effective location for personnel to reach crew trucks and other equipment they utilize daily. The new facility, also, has classrooms for Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and Equipment Operator Training classes, lockers and showers for Network crews.

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Central Yard was originally constructed in 1905, as the location for the Board’s Central Power Plant,

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Warehouse and the Central Garage that performed maintenance and repair to light and heavy-duty fleet vehicles. Today, Central Yard encompasses various departments of the board including Support Services, Networks, Meter Reading, Environmental Affairs and the Warehouse.

The Annex building was completed at a cost of \$1.17 million, totally funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The builder was W.I. Wyman Construction Company.

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