



“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”

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Sewerage and Water Board Celebrates the Essential Nature of Public Works Services During “National Public Works Week” - May 17-23, 2015

NEW ORLEANS --- The New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board will join with thousands of public works agencies and communities across the country this week to pay tribute to the essential nature of ‘Public Works’ in building and maintaining healthy, sustainable communities. Since 1960, the American Public Works Association (APWA) sponsored “National Public Works Week” has been a vehicle to educate the public on the vital nature of the infrastructure that makes modern communities possible. “There would be no community without the quality of life public works provides.” said Sewerage and Water Board Executive Director, Cedric Grant. During “National Public Works Week, May 17 -23, 2015, the Sewerage and Water Board will focus on the water, sewer, drainage and power generation systems and the board employees that provide these public works services with a number of special public events.

This year’s national theme “Community Begins Here” takes on special meaning for the Sewerage and Water Board as it looks back on 10 years of its rebuilding of the water, sewer, drainage and power generation systems post hurricane Katrina. According to Cedric Grant, “the events and activities during “National Public Works Week” represent and symbolize the board’s progress from devastation, recovery, restoration, to rebuilding of one of the most complex utilities in the country. Regarding lessons learned, Grant says, “We are now building smarter, more resilient, and more reliable”.

EAST BANK WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT PUBLIC TOURS

The public is invited to attend East Bank Wastewater Treatment Plant tours Monday through Wednesday, May 18 to 20, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. The treatment plant is located at 6500 Florida Avenue. Interested individuals should call the Sewerage and Water Board in advance to reserve a space by calling 504-585-2169.

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RIBBON CUTTING FOR THE CENTRAL YARD ANNEX BUILDING

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Central Yard Annex Building on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at 2900 Peoples Avenue. To R.S.V.P. for the event, call (504) 585-2169.

EQUIPMENT DISPLAY/GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION/EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION

On Friday, May 22, 2015, 9 a.m. to noon the Sewerage & Water Board will host a Public Works Week equipment demonstration, informational career day, and environmental presentation at 1321 Orleans Avenue in the parking lot of Station A (next to the Municipal Auditorium). The general public, schools, scouts, and community groups are invited to attend. Inquiries can call Sewerage and Water Board, Community and Intergovernmental Relations Department at 585-2169.

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