



**"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY"**

# **Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS**

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## **Update on Drainage System**

Sewerage & Water Board and its contractors continue to work around the clock to repair all power and pumps. Yesterday, contractors completed repairs to another large drainage pump at the Lower Coast Algiers Station, however Pump C at Drainage Pumping Station 6 overheated due to a loss of an electrical feeder external to the station. Pump C was taken out of service to prevent damage to the pump. The pump was assessed and shall remain available for service for this rain event. The electrical feeder has been repaired and returned to service. At this time, 107 of the 120 pumps are available to be operational in the event of heavy rainfall.

Updates on pump availability can be found at [www.swbno.org](http://www.swbno.org).

Turbines 1 and 6 continue to operate with additional power being provided by 26 backup generators which were mobilized under emergency declaration. S&WB staff and contractors are working around the clock to return Turbine 3 to service.

The S&WB has also secured contractors to provide additional manpower to staff all stations during an incident. While the drainage has continually improved since the August 5 flooding, the City's drainage and pumping system remains in a state of diminished drainage pumping capacity until turbines and additional pumps are restored.

On August 17, the City of New Orleans passed an approximately \$26 million plan from Mayor Landrieu to clean and fix 15,000 catch basins, provide an early warning system for underpass flooding and conduct a comprehensive analysis of the problems that led up to the July 22 and August 5 floods. The funding also allowed for the Department of Homeland Security to preposition assets in advance of Harvey.

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