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Dwyer Road Pump Station Contract Awarded

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans announced today the award of a \$58.8 million contract to construct the Dwyer Road Intake Canal in New Orleans East as part of the Southeast Louisiana Urban Flood Damage Reduction Project (SELA).

The contract was awarded by the Corps' New Orleans District on August 27, 2008, to Hill Brothers Construction Company of Falkner, Mississippi.

The canal is the final phase of construction for the SELA, Dwyer Pump station system, which includes construction of the upgraded pump station (ongoing) and discharge tubes (completed in 2004). The Corps has partnered with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans to construct the first two phases of the Dwyer canal project. Project Manager Lori Wingate said the Corps looks forward to partnering with the Board in this final phase of construction. "We're excited to begin construction of this final phase of the Dwyer Canal drainage system," Ms. Wingate said.

According to Marcia St. Martin, Executive Director of the Sewerage & Water Board, this contract will add more capacity to the Dwyer Pumping Station, increasing the flow of water from the entire area, including the Academy Park and Pines Village area.

The project consists of constructing approximately 6,800 linear feet of concrete 12'x10' box culvert, from the intersection of Dwyer Road and the St. Charles canal to the Dwyer Pump Station at the Intersection of Dwyer and Jourdan Roads in New Orleans East.

Once completed, the Dwyer improvements will provide an additional 875 cubic feet per second (CFS) capacity for that area of eastern New Orleans. By way of comparison, an average backyard in-ground pool holds 15,000 gallons of water; thus, at 875 CFS, the pumps could fill the pool in less than 3 seconds.

Construction is estimated to begin during the fall of 2008 and would last approximately 4 years.

The SELA channel and pumping station improvements in Orleans Parish support the Sewerage and Water Board's master drainage plan and generally provide flood protection on a level associated with a ten-year rainfall event, while also reducing damages from larger events.

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