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## **Corps Awards Storm Proofing Contract For S&WB Algiers Drainage Pumping Station**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, working closely with the Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans, has awarded a contract to storm proof a West Bank pump station so that it can remain operable during and immediately following tropical storm events, support interior drainage and ensure public safety.

Marcia St. Martin, executive director of the Sewerage & Water Board, said, "This work will strengthen the existing building, making it safer for S&WB employees that stay on site, working throughout all significant weather events."

She added, "This project will provide generator power to the facility, making the station more independent of Entergy power and dependable during commercial power losses that occur during storms and adverse weather events."

A \$16.2 million contract was awarded to Southern Services & Equipment, Inc., a Louisiana-based small business, to storm proof Drainage Pumping Station No. 13, which is located along the Algiers Canal south of Gen. DeGaulle Drive. Work will take approximately 15 months to complete from the date of notice to proceed.

Board officials said the storm-proofing measures consist of constructing a new building that will house the generator and tie into the existing station; installing two diesel-driven generators and an interior-exterior dike system; adding storm rated windows, wind resistant doors and a new roof; as well as other miscellaneous mechanical and electrical work.

Mrs. St. Martin said, "Our staff has worked in very close contact with the Corps of Engineers staff and their consultants to move this project rapidly through the design and bidding process. The Sewerage and Water Board appreciates the Corps of Engineers partnership in moving forward with this important project that will increase the safety for both our residents and employees."

"This project is very important to the residents and businesses of Algiers," said John Ashley, branch chief for existing pump stations. "Storm proofing Pump Station No. 13 will greatly reduce the risk of storm-related flood damage on the West Bank of Orleans Parish."

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