

Board of Commissioners Port of New Orleans
Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan
Project # HMG 1607-71-0010

Minutes for the Public Hearing of October 27, 2009

A public hearing was conducted on the Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) for the Board of Commissioners Port of New Orleans (PONO) on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at 2:00 P. M. in the auditorium of the Port Administration Building. Ms. Deborah D. Keller, Director of Port Development and the Board consultant on the project, Ms. Lydia Z. Jemison, Jemison & Partners, Inc. administered the public hearing. Members of the public, other interested parties and maritime stakeholders were invited to the public hearing through announcements in newspaper, letters and email.

Ms. Shenetia M. Henderson of the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and Jeffrey LaCour from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) were in attendance. A total of 30 persons attended the meeting.

Ms. Keller started the public hearing with a PowerPoint presentation that included an explanation of what a hazard mitigation plan is and why it is needed at the Port of New Orleans. The purpose of the public hearing was to present the findings and recommendations of the Port's Research Team regarding the most threats most likely to occur at the Port that present the most damaging impacts and to solicit public input on the proposed hazard mitigation projects listed in the final draft of the HMP.

The Port will be accepting public input on mitigation strategies for the Hazard Mitigation Plan until November 17, 2009. Comment forms were distributed at the public hearing along with an agenda, in which comments can be mailed back to Ms. Keller. Ms. Keller also announced that comments will be received at kellerd@portno.com.

Ms. Keller concluded the PowerPoint presentation and opened the floor for comments and questions. Mr. Ed Peterson from the Louisiana River Pilots had a question about project number one on page 129 of the draft HMP proposed mitigation projects relative to why the PONO was considering stabilizing existing cranes at the France Road Terminal with tie-downs over removal. Mr. Perkins responded that the ultimate intention of the PONO is to dispose of the cranes and in the meantime to closely monitor them.

No other comments were offered. Following the comment and question period, Ms. Keller thanked the participants and adjourned the meeting.

The meeting agenda is attached to these minutes. The comment form, list of attendees and the presentation were immediately posted and available as separate documents at the port's website, www.portno.com.

AGENDA

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Final Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan
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- I. Welcome
- II. PowerPoint Presentation
- III. Comments and Questions
- IV. Adjournment

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This comment form will become part of the official public record maintained by the Board of Commissioners Port of New Orleans on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. By filing out this form, you will be notified of the next public hearing to be determined at a later date. Return the form to Ms. Deborah D. Keller, Director of Port Development via kellerd@portno.com or mail to her at the Port of New Orleans, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, LA 70130 by November 17, 2009.

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