

Harvey Lock Temporary Operating Protocol  
During Lapalco Sector Gate Closures

When stage conditions at the Harvey Canal are at elevation +2 feet and rising, the Lapalco Sector Gate and Harvey Lock are closed to prevent tidal flooding north of the gate. Unfortunately, there are numerous businesses in this reach that are impacted because they have no waterborne access, or egress to their facilities during these closures.

The HCIA worked with the Army Corps of Engineers and the South Louisiana Flood Authority – West, to implement a plan that will help those businesses located between Lapalco and the Locks to continue to do business during any future closings of the flood gate.

During a recent meeting hosted by the HCIA, the Army Corps of Engineers announced that five pumps have been returned to the flood gate structure. It is anticipated that the pumps will be able to maintain the canal elevation at the +2 level and allow lockings at the Harvey Lock.

In the event that the canal levels exceed the +2 level, the US Army Corps of Engineers will manage the frequency of locking at the Harvey Lock to control water levels between the Lock and Sector Gate following the below guidelines:

- 1.) Only those businesses located between the Lock and Sector Gate will be considered for locking through the Harvey Lock.
- 2.) All requests for lockings will be on a first come, first serve basis. No priority lockings will be granted to circumvent lock turn.
- 3.) To minimize water being placed in the canal, USACE will lock on a limited basis. The number and duration of the lockings will be managed based on river, canal stages, weather conditions, and local weather forecast.
- 4.) USACE will provide as much notice as possible to the impacted businesses trapped between the Sector Gate and Harvey Lock.

If your business is located on the Harvey Canal between the River and the Lapalco Bridge, please notify HCIA to be added to the notification list.

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