



FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
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International Team to Inspect the Seabrook Floodgate Complex

NEW ORLEANS, LA - The Flood Protection Authority – East is a member of an organization that represents an International Network of Storm Surge Barriers referred to as I-STORM. The I-STORM network brings together professionals that build, manage, operate and maintain Storm Surge Barriers. Many countries around the world have constructed storm surge barriers including the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Italy, Russia, Germany and Vietnam. In the United States, the Flood Protection Authority – East’s Lake Borgne Surge Barrier is the only one of its kind.

I-STORM aims to continuously improve standards of operation, management and performance in order to reduce the risk of severe flooding of people, property and places around the world, by facilitating knowledge exchange amongst members.

Each year the group meets in a selected country to visit a surge barrier. The I-STORM group inspected the Flood Protection Authority’s Lake Borgne Surge Barrier and the Seabrook Complex, both of which protect New Orleans from storm surge from a hurricane. The group conducted a peer review that evaluated the system’s components and provided a report to the Authority with recommendations for operations and maintenance.

A Flood Authority spokesman stated, “We appreciate that I-STORM members from the United Kingdom and the Netherlands came here for a peer review. Even though this inspection is not required, we conducted it in our effort to be proactive and ready for this hurricane season.”