Storm Protection

Southeast LA Flood Protection Authority East (SLPFAE): East Jefferson, Orleans and Lake Borgne Basin levee districts
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Compliance and Safety

Port of New Orleans

Port NOLA’s state-mandated mission is to drive economic prosperity through international trade and commerce throughout our tri-parish jurisdiction: Jefferson, Orleans and St. Bernard. The Port’s role as a port authority is to plan, build and maintain the infrastructure necessary to grow jobs and economic opportunity. This is accomplished through strategic collaboration with state and local partners to ensure that we can continue to be a vital link to the world for businesses and consumers — throughout Louisiana and beyond.

As a landlord port, Port NOLA has a variety of tenants that lease real estate and infrastructure from the Port. The leases state that tenants must be in compliance with all local, state and federal laws and regulations. The regulatory agencies listed within this document help to enforce that compliance, and can issue sanctions when appropriate.

Port Authority

Regulatory Roles 101

A Guide to Understanding Mississippi River Regulatory Agencies’ Roles and Responsibilities

The Mississippi River, a busy maritime waterway, drives economic prosperity and creates jobs by connecting Louisiana with ports on six continents. Maritime operations are regulated by a number of federal and state agencies that correspond to these categories: Port Authority, Compliance and Safety, River Navigation, Construction and Development, and Storm Protection.

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New Orleans Public Belt (NOPB)

NOPB, a subsidiary of Port NOLA, is a Class III switching railroad with the primary mission of serving the Port and local industries. The NOPB is a neutral carrier, with direct connections to six large Class I Railroads; instrumental in expediting local and immediate freight through the New Orleans Gateway. NOPB owns the Huey P. Long Bridge. NOPB maintains the railroad portion of the bridge while the LADOTD maintains the roadway portion of the structure.
**Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):**

DEQ regulates air and water quality through the enforcement of compliance measures. DEQ issues permits, licenses, certifications, etc., conducts inspections of permitted and otherwise regulated facilities, performs compliance evaluation inspections, responds to releases and/or incidents (emergency and non-emergency) and issues enforcement actions to address violations reported to or otherwise identified by the Department. The agency also monitors air and water quality and oversees remediation of contaminated sites to return them to productive use.

**Environmental Protection Agency:**

The EPA protects human health and the environment, with authority over its federal jurisdiction of air, water, and land. The EPA develops and enforces regulations, grants permits, studies environmental issues and provides education about the environment.

**Federal Maritime Commission (FMC):**

The FMC regulates the U.S. international ocean transportation system for the benefit of U.S. exporters, importers, and the U.S. consumer, and ensures a competitive ocean transportation system through its review and supervision of transportation costs and tariffs. The FMC helps resolve disputes involving shipment of cargo, and identifies and holds regulated entities accountable for mislabeling cargo shipped to or from the United States.

**Harbor Police Department:**

The Port of New Orleans is a public entity that serves as the landlord to over 60 maritime and industrial tenants. As part of Port NOLA, the Harbor Police Department ensures a safe working environment for Port tenants, workers, and visitors throughout the jurisdiction of the Port by working in conjunction with other regulatory agencies to provide law enforcement services, patrol, and investigative services.

**Louisiana State Police:**

Louisiana State Police provides public safety services across the state on numerous levels. LSP’s primary function is to conduct proactive patrol of federal and state highways and interstates; enforce traffic laws; and support local law enforcement agencies. In addition, LSP regulates numerous industries across the state and has full investigative capabilities covering a variety of areas, including Hazardous Materials.

**Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development:**

DOTD plans, designs, builds and sustains safe and reliable multimodal transportation and infrastructure systems that enhance mobility and economic opportunity. DOTD is the authority for interstate commerce, and oversees a number of divisions including Aviation, Ports and Waterways, Commercial Trucking and Freight and Passenger Rail.

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection:**

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border entity that screens all passengers, cargo, and conveyances arriving or departing the U.S., while enforcing hundreds of U.S. laws and regulations at more than 300 land, air, and sea ports.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**

As the lead federal agency protecting our nation’s Marine Transportation System and the primary regulator of the maritime shipping industry, the Coast Guard advances the U.S. economy by securing ports and waterways and ensuring vessel safety. The agency is responsible for vessel licensing, vessel inspections, as well as maintaining safe river operations, including monitoring river traffic and conducting search and rescue missions.

**U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD):**

MARAD provides support services to the maritime industry to maintain international and domestic competitiveness. Additionally, MARAD provides emergency shelter and maritime assistance during severe natural emergencies.

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE):**

USACE is the lead federal water resource management agency. It undertakes navigation, flood risk management, and coastal restoration projects that include operation of commercial locks, construction of levees and floodwalls, and dredging and channel maintenance. The Corps administers the Department of Army permitting process to ensure environmental and regulatory compliance for any proposed project that may impact a navigable waterway, U.S. wetland or federally-authorized project.

**Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East (SLFPAE):**

SLFPAE ensures the physical and operational integrity of the regional flood risk management system for Orleans Parish, the east bank of Jefferson Parish and St. Bernard Parish. By working with local, state, and federal partners, the system will reduce the probability and risk of flooding for the residents and businesses within our jurisdiction.

**Levee Districts:**

As part of SLFPAE, and SLFPAW, these districts (Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard, West Jefferson and Algiers) maintain federal levees, floodwalls and drainage valves, and conducts inspections of the levee structure and issue fines for not following levee safety rules.

**Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority West (SLFPAW):**

SLFPAW sets policy and manages flood protection systems in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes on the west bank of the Mississippi River. SLFPAW is responsible for calling and executing floodgate closures.

**Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Offices:**

The state and local offices of homeland security and emergency preparedness are responsible for coordinating efforts throughout the emergency management cycle to prepare for natural or man-made disasters.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**

For more information, please visit the U.S. Coast Guard website.