



FEMA: Week in Review

Louisiana Recovery Office
Serving Recovery Needs from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita
New Orleans, LA

Calendar

May 5-8: [National Flood Conference](#), Anaheim, Calif.

May 9: New Orleans Federal Executive Board Mall Event, Lakeside Mall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 15: Phyllis Wheatley School groundbreaking, New Orleans

June 1: Beginning of Hurricane Season

May 3, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Director Announced for Louisiana Recovery Office



Mike Womack was recently announced as the new director of the Louisiana Recovery Office, taking the reins from Acting Director Bill Doran.

Womack brings a wealth of experience to the position. He served in the Army National Guard for nearly 30 years, retiring in 2001 at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Following his retirement, he joined the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, where he held the post of Response and Recovery Director and then Deputy Director. Governor Haley Barbour appointed him Executive Director of MEMA in 2006, and he served in that

role until 2012. Womack joined FEMA in 2012; he has been leading the Headquarters team focused on closing out legacy disasters.

Along with his extensive emergency management knowledge, Womack also has close personal ties to New Orleans. He and his wife moved to the city last year when he joined FEMA, and they now call the area home. Womack officially begins his new job as LRO Director on May 5.

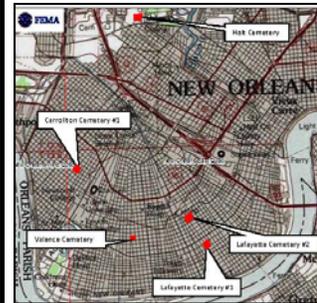
Recent Events Highlight Katrina Recovery Projects

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Slidell celebrated its post-Katrina completion on April 26. During the event, Archbishop Aymond and Slidell Mayor Drennon expressed their appreciation to FEMA and recognized the agency for its efforts on the projects. FEMA obligated \$18.6 million to replace several structures on the campus, including classroom buildings, the gymnasium and cafeteria.

Meanwhile, the Tremé Community Center opened its doors April 30 to once again serve as a gathering place for New Orleans' Tremé neighborhood. Built around 1970, it served as a recreation and cultural epicenter for neighborhood families. FEMA funded \$320,108 toward the repair of the building, which was damaged by Hurricane Katrina.



Public Notice for New Orleans' Sexton Cottages



The public is invited to provide views on the city of New Orleans' updated plans for sexton cottages at several local cemeteries. Comments can be submitted for a 15-day period beginning on April 26, 2013. For more information, view the [Public Notice online](#).

Virtual Flood Maps for Greater New Orleans

Reminder: A 'virtual' open house is available online at www.floodrisk-la.org and features information on the proposed flood maps for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, and St. Charles parishes.

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