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Corps of Engineers completes jetty construction in Matagorda

GALVESTON, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, completed the construction of a new east jetty at the mouth of the Colorado River on Oct. 1, 2010, in Matagorda County, Texas. The newly-built jetty, which is parallel to the existing west jetty, is 2,700 feet, of which 1,140 feet projects into the water.

“The Army Corps of Engineers plays a key role in America’s well-being by keeping our waterways open for navigation,” said Karl Brown, an operations manager with the Corps’ Galveston District. “The new jetty will help reduce dredging frequency and channel maintenance costs at the mouth of the Colorado River.”

The Corps is currently dredging the mouth of the Colorado River, which will also help improve navigation safety, according to Brown.

“The two parallel jetties are 400 feet apart with an authorized navigational channel 150-feet wide and 12-feet deep,” said Brown. “The channel will be at an adequate depth for recreational boats, commercial fishing and shrimp boats when the entire project is completed in December 2010.”

A \$20.4 million contract was awarded Sept. 2, 2009, for the completion of this project and was funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The project is one of 20 ARRA projects across the Galveston District totaling \$298 million.

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