

# Press Release



## Doullout Canal Draw Bridge Completion Delayed

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Due to high river levels in the Mississippi, the anticipated completion date of the Doullout Canal Draw Bridge in Empire has been pushed back. The high river stage (above +11.0' at Carrollton Gauge) delayed pile driving operations since the project is within 1500' of the Mississippi River Levee. The river stage dropped below +11.0 around January 18<sup>th</sup> and shortly afterwards the pile driving operation resumed.

The Doullout Canal Bridge is a replacement project by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. The estimated time for completion of pile driving is March before high river begins again. Once pile driving is completed, the project shouldn't see any significant delays and finish around August/September 2010.