



Levee Facts

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Federal levees

- Federally built, locally owned, operated, and maintained
- Authorized by Congress, built by the Army Corps of Engineers
- Built to protect communities and infrastructure
- Built to protect agricultural lands, commonly known as Ag Levees
- Corps technical assistance available to sponsor
- Under Public Law 84-99, the Rehabilitation and Inspection Program, (RIP), the Corps conducts Continuing Eligibility Inspections (CEI). The Corps performs annual inspections to ensure the sponsors are meeting their obligation to operate and maintain their flood control structures to the design standards
 - Inspections identify deficiencies and operational problems which are brought to the attention of the local sponsor
 - Recommendations for corrective action are provided to the local sponsor
- Periodic Inspections (PI)—a rigorous inspection completed every five years for federal levees
 - Verifies proper operation and maintenance
 - Evaluates structural stability
 - Compares design criteria to current condition
 - Identifies features that may need monitoring over time
 - Enhances ability to communicate the overall condition of the levee
 - Technical assistance on request
- PL 84-99 Rehabilitation and Inspection Program (RIP)
 - Corps program that allows for repair of eligible flood control structures damaged in a flood event
 - CEI annually and PI every 5 years
 - Financial assistance for levee rehabilitation is limited to eligible levees
 - Eligible levees are to be repaired to the pre-flood level of protection

Non-federal levees included in the Corps Levee Program

- Corps technical assistance available to sponsor
- PL 84-99 RIP includes non-federal levee
 - Non-federal sponsor requests Initial Eligibility Inspection (IEI)
 - Corps inspects levee and determines eligibility
 - Sponsor required to do necessary maintenance and make repairs to meet the requirements of the RIP prior to being included in the program
 - Once the levee is in the program, Continuing Eligibility Inspections are completed every 2 years to ensure sponsors are operating and maintaining levees to meet minimum requirements of the RIP
 - Financial assistance for levee rehabilitation is limited to eligible levees
 - Eligible levees are to be repaired to the pre-flood level of protection

Non-federal levees not in the Corps Program—no Corps involvement

- Technical assistance can be requested for non-federal levees not in the Corps RIP Program.
- There is no financial assistance available for a levee that is not in the RIP program or is ineligible for the PL 84-99 Program.

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