

Re: OT: followup on New Orleans – disgraceful

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On Thu, 01 Sep 2005 04:56:13 +0100, Pooh Bear
<rabbitsfriendsandrelations@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

>A poster to the previous thread I started posted the following link.
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>http://www.salon.com/opinion/blumenthal/2005/08/31/disaster_preparation/
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>Includes...
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>" A year ago the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed to study how New
>Orleans could be protected from a catastrophic hurricane, but the Bush
>administration ordered that the research not be undertaken. "
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>your comments are welcome
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>Graham
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1. A study, started last year, wouldn't have made any difference. And the locals could have funded their own damned study, 50 years ago.
2. NOLA has been pumping out water, and lowering itself, for over 100 years. During that time, sea level hasn't dropped any. This had to happen.
3. Lots of administrations, from Teddy Roosevelt on, could have gotten concerned and done something about it. None did.
4. The effects of an "optimum" hurricane on New Orleans have been predicted for decades, with most estimates of lose–the–city probability running around 1% per year. Some scenarios were much worse.
5. The Big Easy isn't noted for administrative competence, or worrying about the future, or doing much of anything well except maybe cooking. That's one reason why I left.

John

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