

Re: OT: followup on New Orleans – disgraceful

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I read in sci.electronics.design that Anthony Fremont <spam@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote (in <[RIIRe.12697\\$Nx.8302@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:RIIRe.12697$Nx.8302@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>) about 'OT: followup on New Orleans – disgraceful', on Thu, 1 Sep 2005:

The land is graduated off with lines indicating risk in terms of how many years (on average) between the times when water rises to that altitude. For example, there is a 50 year floodplain, a 100 year floodplain, and a 500 year floodplain. There are also other divisions, but these are the most common ones you hear about.

Well, that sounds all OK and scientific....

When I first moved to my house it was classified as being in a 500 year floodplain. After the first flood, the maps were released showing me to be within a 50 year plain. The excuse being that the maps had been redrawn several years earlier, but they hadn't been distributed. Now I am back in the 500 year floodplain, but my house hasn't moved. But I'm fairly sure that it will have water in it long before another 500 years go by.

... but that's typical of the way local governments world-wide fall down on the job for utterly predictable reasons, and corporate stupidity.

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Regards, John Woodgate, OOO – Own Opinions Only.

If everything has been designed, a god designed evolution by natural selection.

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