

Project Profile



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Disaster Response & Recovery

Location	New Orleans, Louisiana
Client	EQM
Contract Amount	\$12M/\$8M
Contract Type	Time and Materials
Date of Performance	August 2005 through November 2006

Description: In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Eagle-SWS was able to respond rapidly and deploy a large number of personnel and equipment by utilizing local resources and pre-qualified subcontractors from Eagle-SWS's large subcontractor network.

Immediately, after the storm, Eagle-SWS mobilized multiple waves of specialized personnel and equipment. Within days, Eagle-SWS had a fleet of over 50 crewed boats performing search and rescue in the floodwaters of Orleans and St. Bernard parishes. These boats also delivered food and water to survivors, collected environmental samples, and recovered bodies.

The huge influx of rescue, relief, security, and support workers overwhelmed the surrounding areas. Normally-simple needs such as lodging, food, ice, and fuel were scarce or not available. To meet these challenges, Eagle-SWS constantly innovated and adapted. Using a large generator and two towable 10 ton air conditioning units, Eagle-SWS's Gonzales warehouse was

converted into a temporary bunkhouse. Vacant land was rented for the staging and maintenance of vehicles, boats, and other equipment.

Services were devastated in the storm-impacted area and all necessities had to accompany the workers to the jobsite. Eagle-SWS had a catering company prepare bag lunches for crews to pick up at each morning prior to mobilization. Eagle-SWS installed a commercial ice machine to provide ice. Bottled water arrived in truckload lots.

Louisiana residents, displaced people in shelters, and Eagle-SWS employees from storm impacted areas were brought together, trained, and deployed to the recovery effort. Within weeks, Eagle-SWS had over 250 people working in Louisiana on the recovery effort.

Project Highlights

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After the search and recovery phase was completed, the clean-up phase began. To minimize the impact of chemical releases into the environment, household and commercial chemicals, fuels, and similar materials were gathered up and separated from the debris. Eagle-SWS crews searched for, collected, and prepared for disposal several million containers of these materials. When the workload for this project peaked, over 100 Eagle-SWS Hazardous Material Technicians were committed to the collection effort phase of this work.

In July 2006, over 40 Eagle-SWS Hazardous Material Technicians continued the work of preparing Household Hazardous wastes for disposal. In addition to preparing wastes, two Eagle-SWS crews were designated and equipped to immediately respond to any Hazardous Material Emergency event within Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.