America’s Rocket Factory

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History of Michoud
Facility Overview

- Facility is 7th largest in the world
- Workforce has vast array of manufacturing skillsets
- Geographically positioned in a very favorable spot

At the end of the day, we are here with one goal – to build hardware for NASA.
• 5,000 jobs nationally/3,500 employees on-site
• $800 million economic output
• NASA contracts more than $73 million of services
• $104 million in Federal, State and Local tax revenues
• Regional economic output of $342 million
• Facility generates over $99 million in wages and benefits
• 50% reduction in operating costs since Shuttle era
NASA completed major welding for the liquid hydrogen tank for the first Space Launch System mission at the agency’s Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans.
Rollin’ on a River

Shipping and Receiving Hardware
On January 13, 2016, technicians at Michoud finished welding together the primary structure of the Orion Spacecraft destined for deep space, marking another important step on the journey to Mars.
• Catastrophic damage to roof, windows, siding, and interior to Bldg. 350
• Asbestos, water intrusion, and mold contamination throughout
• Currently off limits to all personnel due to environmental hazards
• Breached on all sides
The journey to Mars goes through...