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Interior of Strategic Petroleum Reserve’s converted salt mine at Weeks Island, Louisiana. In critical locations, wire mesh was bolted onto the 18.3-meter-high cavern walls in the roof using 1.8-meter-long steel roof bolts. This action prevents spalling of salt slabs that could clog critical oil drainage to the lower level cavern and sump below. During emergency drawdown, oil is pumped from sump surface 259 meters above. See page 618. [Thomas E. Lankford, Dravo Utility Constructors, Inc., New Orleans, Louisiana]