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Corps Begins Structure Removal near 17th St. Canal

- **What:** Removal of structures near the 17th St. Canal. There are approximately 14 structures included in this area that will be torn down. This is an area that is needed for the construction of the repair/rehabilitation of the breached area.
- When: Wednesday, August 9, 2006, 10 a.m.
- **Where:** The affected homes are located adjacent to the breached area of the 17th Street Canal on Bellaire Drive, approximately 600 feet south of the Hammond Highway Bridge.

Background:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will direct its contractor implementing the work at the 17th Street Canal breach area to remove homes currently being acquired beginning on Wednesday, August 9, 2006. This is being done due to the close proximity of the repair construction work in relation to the standing homes and related safety concerns, as the Corps reinstates a line of protection for the community in the Phase 2 repairs using temporary retaining system (TRS) walls in order to do T-wall construction.

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