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## **Investigators to remove material from floodwall**

*Corps provides Webcast, satellite video feed of sheet pile and concrete removal*

NEW ORLEANS -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Interagency Performance Evaluation Task Force will remove samples of floodwall material near the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal levee break today and Tuesday as part of an investigation.

A contractor will remove concrete and sheet pile materials from both ends of the floodwall breach. This action will allow investigators to obtain on-the-spot measurements of the sheet pile and to gather samples for further analysis in an effort to determine why the floodwall failed.

Local, state, and federal officials and investigative team members will witness the removal of the concrete and sheet pile.

**Schedule:**

Today, Dec. 12: Day One begins with opening remarks by Corps officials. Contractor will then cut and remove 4-ft by 4-ft sections of concrete from the floodwall, demolish and remove the remaining concrete, and prepare the sheet pile for extraction. This process will be performed on both ends of the breach site. Construction will continue throughout the day. Corps officials will report on the day's activities at 4 p.m.

8 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13: Day Two begins with opening remarks by Corps officials. Contractor will then remove sections of sheet pile from the floodwall breach site. Workers will begin removing sections from the breach's south end and then move to the north end to extract segments from that area. After measuring the extracted

sheet pile, Corps officials will address the media. The removed material will then be transported to a secure location.

**Where:** East side of 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal between Robert E. Lee Blvd and Bellaire Street

**When:** 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12 & 13

**Webcast Site:** [www.dvidshub.net/floodwall](http://www.dvidshub.net/floodwall)

**Satellite Coordinates:** AMC5K1412109 horizontal broadcasting

**NOTICE:** Hammond Highway Bridge will not be open to vehicular traffic.

Portions of the removal process will be broadcast online during the following times:

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12

7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 13

A news release with photos will also be available following the Dec. 13 event.