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Ceremony for St. Chas. hurricane work is Friday

What. Ceremony for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Pontchartrain Levee Board to sign agreement for \$39 million hurricane project. Photo opportunity; actual signing was Aug. 23.

Who. Steve Wilson, president, Pontchartrain Levee Board; Col. Richard P. Wagenaar, commander, New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Lt. Col. Murray P. Starkel, deputy commander, New Orleans District, and state, parish and levee district officials.

When. Friday, Sept. 1, 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Principals will available for interviews until 2:30 p.m. Call 504-452-0149 to schedule an interview.

Where. Corps media center, The Lofts at Embassy Suites Hotel, South Peters Street at Notre Dame, Warehouse District. **Note:** The Lofts is a separate building from Embassy Suites on Julia Street. Parking on street or hotel garage.

Corps' role. The event celebrates an agreement that offers the Corps an unprecedented opportunity to provide St. Charles Parish with a continuous line of flood protection from Jefferson Parish to the Bonnet Carré Spillway East Guide Levee, built for the first time to full project elevation of 13 feet.

Other participants and invitees. Tony Cunningham, St. Charles Parish member, Pontchartrain Levee Board; state Rep. Gary Smith; Albert Laque, president, St. Charles Parish; Richard (Dickie) Duhe, Lance Marino, Clayton (Snookie) Faucheux, Ram Ramchandran and April Black, members, St. Charles Parish Council, and Al Naomi and Mervin Morehiser, Corps of Engineers.

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