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# Media Advisory

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## Pump Test at 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal

Test will confirm increased pumping capacity

**What:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is meeting its commitment to provide the community increased pumping capacity at the outfall canals in time for the peak of hurricane season. In keeping with that commitment, the Corps and its partners are testing recently installed direct drive pumps at the 17<sup>th</sup> Street outfall canal.

**When:** Between Aug. 15 and August 20  
Actual start time for testing is not definite  
The test could run 24/7 based on conditions

**Where:** 17<sup>th</sup> Street Outfall Canal

**Why:** Pumps will be tested for up to eight hours at a time to simulate actual usage. The Corps wants to ensure that all pumps are working properly at this outfall canal.

**Background:** The Corps remains committed to increasing pumping capacity at the outfall canals. Residents of New Orleans are significantly safer today than at the start of the 2005 hurricane season. The Corps has contingency plans in place to provide for temporary pumping and closure of the canals.

There are currently 18 temporary and 14 portable pumps in operation at the 17<sup>th</sup> St. canal interim structure with a pumping capacity of 5200 cfs. With the additional of these 11 pumps, the capacity will be raised to no less than 7600 cfs.

**Note:** Because the actual hours of wet testing are not definite, reporters should call ahead to coordinate site visit with the Public Affairs Office.

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