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Corps to clean up Gentilly levee-repair road

NEW ORLEANS—The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will remove excess rock and debris on a one-mile-long access road built along the London Avenue Canal in Gentilly just after Hurricane Katrina.

The road was built on the canal's west side between Mirabeau Avenue and Robert E. Lee Boulevard to provide access to repair a levee-floodwall breach on the east side. This allowed the trucks and equipment to reach the breach via the Mirabeau bridge.

The clean-up will be confined to the levee right of way between Mirabeau and Robert E. Lee. However, loose rock and debris that extend beyond the right-of-way line will also be cleaned up, if the property owner grants a construction easement.

The work is expected to begin about July 2, after a right-of-way survey is done. After rock and debris are removed, the slope of the levee berm will be filled and graded, then fertilized and seeded with grass.

Attached: Notice mailed to property owners



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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

LEVEE CLEANUP ALONG LONDON AVENUE CANAL

What: Removal of loose and excess rock (riprap) and debris from the haul road constructed immediately after Hurricane Katrina to access the breach in the floodwall at Mirabeau Avenue. After the loose rock and debris have been removed, fresh fill will be brought in and the slope of the levee berm will be filled and graded as needed, then fertilized and seeded with grass.

Where: The west side of the London Avenue Canal between R.E. Lee Blvd and Mirabeau Avenue. The work will take place within the existing floodwall and levee right-of-way, except that any areas where loose rock and debris extend beyond the levee right-of-way line will also be cleaned up. There are currently 6 properties directly affected by this work, from which we will request temporary construction easements. Other owners may be requested to sign a right of entry permit.

When: The levee cleanup will begin about 2 July 2007, after surveys to locate and mark the existing levee toe and right-of-way line are completed and right of entry to perform the work has been granted by the Orleans Levee District. Final surveys will be done after the cleanup is completed.

Who: The survey work will be done by contract personnel and the cleanup work will be done by government personnel. All work will be at government expense, under a right-of-entry granted by the Orleans Levee District. The Orleans Levee District will be responsible for future maintenance.

Why: The cleanup is necessary for (1) safety, (2) levee maintenance, and (3) aesthetics.

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