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# Media Advisory

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## **Hurricane preparation exercise set April 17**

**What:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is holding a hurricane preparation and response exercise April 17 designed to rehearse the Corps' response plan and improve internal coordination. Attendees will see the gates and pumps in action. Behind the scenes our emergency response teams will also be faced with various simulated emergencies to practice reactions to unforeseen crises and refine response times.

**Where:** While we will be running the exercise at all three outfall canals, all media is invited to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal and Harvey Canal to view the gates and pumps in action.

17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal: Take Lake Marina Avenue toward the yacht harbor. Turn left on the gravel driveway where Lake Marina Avenue crosses the floodwall. After signing in, you will be escorted to the appropriate spot.

Harvey Canal: Intersection between Lapalco and Peters Road, just below the Lapalco Bridge.

**All site visits to Orleans Ave. and London Ave. canals must be scheduled two hours in advance for staffing purposes.**

**When:** Thursday, April 17, 2008, beginning at 5 a.m. at the Harvey Canal. A detailed timeline for specific activities at each canal will be provided at the upcoming media roundtable.

**Who:** New Orleans District hurricane response employees

**Planning to attend?** Please call 504-862-2201 to schedule an interview and/or site visit. **All visitors must bring their own hard hats and wear closed-toe shoes and long pants.**

**Exercise is not open to public.**

**Media roundtable:** For more information on this exercise, attend the media roundtable scheduled for April 15 at 1 p.m. in DARM B & C at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District, 7400 Leake Ave., New Orleans. The roundtable will be a great opportunity to speak directly to district leadership and operations managers. A separate media advisory will be sent with more information regarding the roundtable.