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Corps needs your help to study flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isidore

NEW ORLEANS –The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, said Friday it needs the help of citizens of south Louisiana to identify the high-water marks from flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isidore.

“During the next few weeks, the Corps will have teams of engineers and economists in the field identifying flooded areas – and recording still high-water marks – to be surveyed later,” said Burnell Thibodeaux, chief of the Hydraulics and Hydrologic Branch. Based on the high-water marks, economists will prepare damage estimates for residences, businesses, vehicles and public facilities.

“We also ask people to share photos with us. It is urgent to build a record quickly, before Isidore’s water marks disappear,” Thibodeaux said.

Here’s what to do if you have pictures:

1. Telephone the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans, 504-862-2201, or elsewhere in south Louisiana, 800-362-3412, and dial 2 for Public Affairs
2. Tell us (on tape this weekend, or to employee next week).
 - Your name, address and telephone number
 - Neighborhood (Eden Isles, Lakeview etc.)
 - Time and date of high-water mark, if known

The Corps seeks high-water marks outside and inside. Of particular importance are “still high-water marks,” such as those inside a closet, to get more precise flood depths.

“The data will be assembled to map the flooded areas affected by Isidore and provide estimates of damages to help economically justify future flood-control projects throughout the area harmed by Isidore,” Thibodeaux said.