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To: News editors of *New Orleans Times-Picayune*
Re: Article published on 9-21-2018

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We are pleased that reporter Mr. Mark Schleifstein, upon our request, corrected his Friday Sept 21 story regarding water depth and sheet pile length at the 17th Street Canal breach site.

<https://www.nola.com/expo/news/erry-2018/09/536cbaba802424/corps-proposes-more-clay-atop.html#vf-3213200017360>

Nonetheless, this story omitted a crucial and relevant fact, namely that the wall failed directly due to the Army Corps of Engineers' design flaw. This design flaw is not contested and is responsible for flooding the main basin which caused billions in damage and hundreds of deaths.

The final Interagency Performance Evaluation Task Force (IPET) report confirms this proximate cause on page 40-41 of Volume 1.

The *New Orleans Times-Picayune* is a major news source in southeast Louisiana and has a higher duty than news sources elsewhere in the country to report the accurate facts about the 2005 Flooding. After all, the flooding was here.

Due to the disastrous consequences of the corps' design flaw, we call upon the news editors of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* to include this fact whenever discussing the breach of the 17th Street Canal.

We hope to hear from you by COB Tuesday October 2.

Regards,

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