

NOTICE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES WHO WANT TO PURSUE CLAIMS AGAINST THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY LEVEE BREACHES DURING HURRICANE KATRINA

THE DEADLINE TO FILE CERTAIN CLAIMS HAS BEEN MOVED UP AND IS NOW THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007.

Those claimants who have not yet filed a **maritime claim** must file with the Army Corps of Engineers no later than **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**. This is why:

As a prerequisite to recovering damages in the current litigation against the Army Corps of Engineers and the United States Government for the failure of the levees and their negligence relating to the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet, claimants must file claims with the Army Corps of Engineers.

There are at least two federal statutes under which the government may be held liable in these cases – the Federal Tort Claims Act and the Admiralty Extension Act. The Federal Tort Claims Act requires that claims be filed within two years of the event, or August 29, 2007. But the government has taken the position that the deadline for filing claims under the Admiralty Extension Act is this **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**, only eighteen months after Katrina.

Claimants who have already filed the Federal Standard Form 95 are qualified under the Federal Tort Claim Act, but may need to re-file under the Admiralty Extension Act.

The deadline has been **moved up** because of a new position being taken by the United States Justice Department, nullifying a prior agreement to extend the deadline.

An agreement had been reached with the United States of America that the timely filing of a valid claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act would constitute the filing of a valid claim under the Admiralty Extension Act. However, on Mardi Gras day, the Justice Department reneged on that agreement and is now requiring that all claims under the Admiralty Extension Act be **received** no later than eighteen months after the hurricane, or this **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**.

The Standard Form 95 necessary to file a claim under the Admiralty Extension Act can be cut out from the newspaper, or can be obtained at www.leveelaw.com or www.katrinajustice.com. You can also call 1-800-LAW-INFO (1-800-529-4636) to obtain the necessary form.

If you cannot access the Standard Form 95 needed to assert a claim under the Admiralty Extension Act, you may send a letter asserting your claim to the Corps of Engineers at the following address:

BY MAIL

United States of America, Department of the Army, Corp of Engineers
U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans
P.O. Box 60267, CEMVN-OC;
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

-or-

BY EXPRESS MAIL SERVICE

United States of America, Department of the Army, Corp of Engineers
U.S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans
7400 Leake Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana 70118

You should provide your name, current mailing address, location of your damaged property, type of damage you sustained and the total amount of loss. Also state that you are filing a maritime claim under the Admiralty Extension Act. It must be **received** by **Wednesday, February 28, 2007**.

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