



The water is still rising

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With a major break in the 17th Street Canal levee running between the city and Lake Pontchartrain, water is going to continue to flood into the city until the two levels reach the same height, or the breach is closed. But getting the breach closed is going to take heavy equipment that must be taken to the site, and we are back to a time issue. And also a people issue, since as has been noted in the comments section, local residents right now have a lot more things to worry about than just getting back to work.

With this level of devastation, predictions of short-term resolution are becoming increasingly unrealistic. With the LOOP unavailable and the distribution networks also closed, the impact on gas will slowly spread throughout the country. We highlighted the problems of gas supply in South Florida, because this is already being discussed, and they are heavily dependant on the refineries around New Orleans, but the same holds true in the Midwest in general.

Until an hour ago the [Times Picayune](#) was the best source of information but the rising water has driven them, from their building, though the site is still up, but under heavy traffic. (Thanks Stuart).



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