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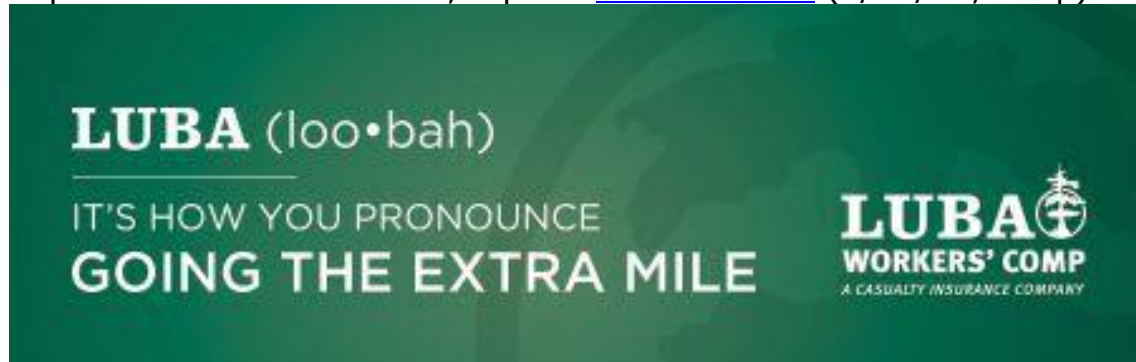
#### FLOOD WORRIES PROMPT PROJECT OPPOSITION.

Residents urged officials in Baton Rouge to stop a planned development along the Amite River in an area that flooded badly last year, reports [The Advocate](#) (6/21/17, Gallo). A public rally explored ways to avoid repeating mistakes after August 2016 flooding, reports [The Advocate](#) (6/20/17, Mitchell).

**SCRAMBLING AS CINDY MOVES IN.** Crews took storm-protection steps as Tropical Storm Cindy blew across south Louisiana Wednesday, reports [The Advocate](#) (6/21/17, Calder). Officials in St. Tammany Parish watched rising water levels but did not order evacuations, reports the New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (6/22/17, Warren). The U.S. Senate approved a new chief of FEMA, reports the [Associated Press](#) (6/20/17).

**LANDLORDS FACE POST-FLOOD COMPLEXITIES.** Owners of rental properties tangled with a series of obstacles after Hurricane Katrina, but a new post-2016 flood-recovery program hopes to avoid similar headaches, reports [The Advocate](#) (6/17/17, Gallo). The New Orleans [Times-Picayune](#) (6/21/17) asserts that a “fast-tracked” project to save the eroding coast is moving too slowly.

**LOUISIANA GROUPS CAUTIOUSLY WATCH HEALTHCARE REFORM.** Advocates fret a lack of details about the ongoing effort to repeal and replace Obamacare and how it would impact families in the state, reports [The Advocate](#) (6/20/17, Crisp).



## **NATIONAL INDUSTRY NEWS:**

**STORM SEASON IS ACTIVE EARLY.** The 2017 Atlantic storm season is more active than usual in its early weeks, especially across the Gulf of Mexico, reports [Bloomberg](#) (6/20/17, Sullivan).

**PEEK AT SLOWER-MOVING SENATE HEALTHCARE BILL.** Early reports indicate that Senate Republicans are proposing a more gradual move away from the Affordable Care Act than the House-passed version of Obamacare replacement legislation, reports [Insurance Business magazine](#) (6/21/17, Litvan).

**TEXAS SAYS OK TO SELF-DRIVING CARS.** The governor of Texas wants to permit robot cars on his state’s roads if they meet

certain safety conditions, reports [Insurance Business magazine](#) (6/19/17, Montales). A survey finds that public fear about self-driving cars is shared by drivers of all ages, reports [Bloomberg](#) (6/22/17, Naughton).



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