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Lt. General Russel Honoré To Visit Wallace, LA Over Grain Elevator Concerns

Stop the Wallace Grain Terminal Hosts Town Hall featuring LTG Honore and other Environmental Advocates

May 28th, 2021 - (Wallace, LA) Stop the Wallace Grain Terminal community organization is hosting a town hall featuring Lt. General Russel Honoré on Monday, June 7th, 2021. Beginning at 6:30 pm outside the Fee-Fo-Lay Cafe, 5593 Highway 18, Wallace 70090, the town hall will address the proposed Greenfield grain elevator’s likely negative impact on the environment such as air and water quality. Additional environmental advocates and groups will also be present to aid the community in developing strategies to protect the area against dangerous projects.

Known for a stellar military career, Lt. Gen. Honoré has also emerged as a powerful voice in the fight for environmental justice having mobilized the GreenARMY, “an alliance of civic, community, and environmental groups and concerned citizens from around the state ready to effect meaningful social, political, and environmental change in Louisiana.” Community organizer and Wallace resident Jo Banner believes it is this voice that is sorely needed to stop harmful projects such as the proposed Greenfield Export’s grain terminal. “ Lt. Gen. Honoré is a true leader,” Banner begins, “A leader that is unafraid to speak for our health and the health of our environment.” This is especially significant as Wallace falls within the 98th percentile in the US for cancer risks. The pesticides, bacteria, mold and fungus emanating from a grain elevator could contribute to an increase in serious health conditions, such as asthma, cardiovascular disease, and fibrosis.

LT. Gen. Honoré will have the opportunity to witness Greenfield’s current activity on the site, which involves driving large steel beams several feet into the earth for what they describe as “testing.” “The noise is so stressful to me,” explains community organizer and resident Stephenie Aubert. She explains her anxiety level rises every morning when the pounding begins. The lack of communication also troubles Aubert. She states “We did not receive a letter of this activity until two days prior to it occurring.” Aubert is referring to a letter sent by Greenfield which lacked a return address, phone number, email address or contact person. In the eyes of many residents, this is yet another example of the exclusion community members are facing by Greenfield, elected officials, and the Port of South Louisiana who would be building and leasing a dock for the Greenfield operation.

The Stop the Wallace Grain Terminal Organization is using the town hall as an opportunity for these parties, especially elected officials, to utilize Lt. Gen. Honore’s expertise on leading with courage and compassion. “We are bringing an American hero to St. John the Baptist Parish.” says Banner. “I hope our leaders use this occasion to engage with both him and the community for a better, healthier parish.”

For more information about the town hall or Stop the Wallace Grain Terminal organization, contact Jo Banner at jo@thedescendantsproject.com or 225-206-1993.

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