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We've been organizing and resisting for decades here on the Gulf Coast, but right now, we need to come together as a movement and support both the organizing and the relief efforts that are underway on the ground. Like all climate crises, this flood will most gravely impact the already marginalized in our society — poor people, people of color, the elderly. You can make a donation to support disaster relief and recovery here.

This climate event is being called a “1,000 year flood” and a “truly historic event,” and according to the Red Cross, it’s the worst U.S. disaster since Superstorm Sandy.¹ This type of storm is far from normal — but it could become normal if we don’t act now. This auction would enable the fossil fuel industry to do more of the very thing that is intensifying these floods in the first place.

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No more business as usual. My beloved Gulf coast is not for sale.

Love and liberation,

Cherri Foytlin, Gulf Coast Mother of 6
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Fri, Aug 19, 2016 at 12:59 PM

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Did you see the email from Cherri Foytlin earlier this week, copied below? She wrote about the historic flooding happening in Louisiana right now, and urged you to call on the Obama administration to cancel the fossil fuel auction planned for next Wednesday in New Orleans. This auction would allow the fossil fuel industry to keep doing the very things that are intensifying these floods in the first place. To hold this auction while Louisiana is in a state of emergency, and at the Superdome no less, is unconscionable.

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Onwards!

Genny, and the 350.org team

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