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Corps to outline risk reduction plans for St. Bernard Parish

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The Corps will provide information on the proposed plans to reduce risk in St. Bernard Parish at a public meeting on Wednesday, Mar. 11, 2009 at Lynn Oaks School, 1 Lynn Oaks Dr., in Braithwaite.

"After much analysis, the project team is excited to be presenting the recommended plan for the Caernarvon Floodwall," said Chris Gilmore, senior project manager. "Residents are encouraged to attend and provide feedback on all of the Corps projects in St. Bernard."

The meeting begins with an open house from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. A presentation begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion period.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District will describe the proposed plans to improve the Bayou Dupre Control Structure, Caernarvon Floodwall, and Chalmette Loop as it will be discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 8, 9 and 10. The meeting will include the showing of a video that describes the construction of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Surge Barriers at Lake Borgne and Lake Pontchartrain as it was discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne and will be discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Pontchartrain. There will be a brief discussion of the status of identifying potential borrow (clay) sources to be used in the hurricane system (IER 28 and 29).

Public meetings are a continuation of the Corps' effort to meet National Environmental Policy Act compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. Once complete the system will reduce the risk of damage from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental processes may be addressed to:

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