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Corps to detail alternatives to improve St. Bernard levees and structures

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, Jul. 17, 2008 at CF Rowley Alternative School, 49 Madison Ave., in Chalmette to discuss alternatives that will upgrade the St. Bernard portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System to withstand surge from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

"We've narrowed down the range of alternatives we're considering and will be providing an update on our progress to the St. Bernard community," said Christophor Gilmore, senior project manager for St. Bernard Parish.

The meeting presentation will detail the Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Control Structures, Caernarvon Floodwall, Chalmette Loop Levee and the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal surge protection barrier as discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 8, 9, 10 and 11 Tier 2 Borgne. The meeting presentation will also briefly discuss the potential areas from which borrow material may be obtained (IER 25 and 26).

The meeting will begin with an open house at 6 p.m. during which Corps project managers and subject matter experts are on hand to answer questions citizens may have about proposed actions and alternatives under consideration. A presentation about the hurricane system begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on development of the hurricane system. Public meetings are an essential part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the hurricane system.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs available for public review by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning the proposed hurricane system should be addressed to:

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