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Can coastal Louisiana be protected from devastating Category 4, 5 hurricanes?

Corps of Engineers – doing study – will brief state and local officials and get their input, Friday, March 16

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has begun a reconnaissance study of whether to strengthen hurricane protection projects to withstand Category 4 and 5 storms.

Corps officials will brief state and local officials at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, and receive their comments and questions, written and oral.

The meeting will be held at the New Orleans District office, 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans.

“This will give us an opportunity to explore this just-beginning study with public officials from the governor’s office to Congressional representatives, mayors to levee districts,” said Col. Thomas Julich, district engineer.

“In short these are people who may be asked to pay for a local sponsor’s share of the project, or who will be involved with hurricane emergencies.”

The \$500,000 study is to be completed in July 2002. A reconnaissance study is a preliminary step. It determines whether to do a feasibility study, a

more complex effort that is required to proceed with design and construction.

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The “Hurricane Protection Louisiana” study will encompass the five Louisiana hurricane protection projects authorized by law.

Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project. East bank, in Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard and St. Charles parishes.

West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project. West bank, in Orleans, Jefferson, Plaquemines and St. Charles parishes.

Larose to Golden Meadow Hurricane Protection Project. Along lower Bayou Lafourche in Lafourche Parish.

New Orleans to Venice Hurricane Protection Project. Lower Plaquemines Parish along Mississippi River.

Grand Isle and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project. Lower Jefferson Parish.

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