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Corps to present preferred alternatives for 100-year protection on the Eastbank of St. Charles and Jefferson parishes

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, Apr. 9, 2008 at the St. Rose Public Library, 90 East Club Dr., in St. Rose to discuss proposed actions that will bring the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System on the Eastbank of St. Charles and Jefferson parishes up to 100-year levels of protection.

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 1, 2 and 3. IER 1 discusses the La Branch Wetlands Levee in St. Charles Parish. IER 2 covers the West Return Floodwall that runs along the Jefferson and St. Charles Parish boundaries. IER 3 covers the Lakefront Levee in Jefferson Parish.

“The meeting presentation will detail the preferred alternatives under consideration that will bring the hurricane system up to 100-year levels of protection,” said Carl Anderson, Corps senior project manager for St. Charles and Jefferson parishes.

The public meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. A formal presentation begins 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 system.

In addition to IERs 1, 2 and 3, the Corps will also discuss potential areas from which borrow material may be obtained. Borrow is a specific type of clay the Corps needs to upgrade the current levee system. The Corps is investigating potential borrow source sites all across the region.

Public meetings are an essential part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm system for both the Westbank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas. These meetings, which enhance the Corps effort to introduce alternative National Environmental Policy Act arrangements to the community, are held to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the Corps' decision making process.

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 proposed hurricane storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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