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Corps to provide update on St. Bernard portion of hurricane system

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, Apr. 17, 2008 at Lynn Oaks School, #1 Lynn Oaks Dr., in Braithwaite to discuss alternatives that will upgrade the St. Bernard portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 8, 9, 10, 11 Tier 2 and the potential areas from which borrow material may be obtained. IER 8 discusses the Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Control Structures. IER 9 covers improvements to the Caernarvon Floodwall. IER 10 studies upgrades to the Chalmette Loop Levee and IER 11 Tier 2 discusses the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Navigable Floodgates. Borrow is a specific type of clay the Corps needs to upgrade the current levee system. The Corps is investigating potential borrow source sites across the region.

“We are getting closer to determining levee alignments in St. Bernard,” said Christophor Gilmore, Corps senior project manager for St. Bernard Parish. “Once completed, the system will reduce risk from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.”

The public meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m. A formal presentation 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 proposed 100-year storm system for both the Westbank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas.

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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