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## **Corps to discuss flood control on Bayou Manchac**

*Public meeting May 16 in Gonzales on Bayou Manchac flood control*

NEW ORLEANS-- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold a public meeting May 16 in Gonzales to get comments on a proposed project to reduce flooding on Bayou Manchac.

The public meeting will be held in Gonzales at 6 p.m., at the Department of Public Works auditorium, 42077 Churchpoint Road.

The purpose of the meeting is to get public comments on issues and alternatives addressed in an environmental assessment for the proposed Bayou Manchac flood control project.

Backwater flooding from the Amite River causes most large flood events on Bayou Manchac. However, Bayou Manchac may also flood when the Amite River is low because of obstructions in the bayou.

Four alternatives were considered to prevent headwater flooding problems on Bayou Manchac in portions of Ascension and East Baton Rouge parishes when the Amite River is low: no-action, non-structural, clearing and snagging from in-stream, and clearing and snagging by a dragline. The preferred alternative, selected because of cost and environmental considerations, is clearing and snagging from in-stream.

The proposed action would use a vegetation cutter to remove trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that are in the waterway impeding flow or likely to fall. The equipment would be specially designed to minimize damage to the bayou habitat.

The Corps will accept written comments to the project postmarked by May 24, 2001.

Mail comments and questions pertaining to the proposed study and EA to the Project Manager, Julie Leblanc; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; (PM-C); P.O. Box 60267; New Orleans, LA 70160-0267. Email to [Julie.Z.Lebblanc@mvn02.usace.army.mil](mailto:Julie.Z.Lebblanc@mvn02.usace.army.mil). Fax to (504) 862-2572. And telephone Leblanc at (504) 862-1597.

