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Regulatory Division

**SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of the Final Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project Environmental Impact Statement

**Asunto:** Aviso de Disponibilidad de la Declaración Final de Impacto Ambiental del Desvío de Sedimentos de Barataria Media

**CHỦ ĐỀ:** Thông Báo Phát Hành Đánh Giá Tác Động Môi Trường Cuối Cùng Của Dự Án Chuyển Giao Trầm Tích Giữa Lưu Vực Barataria

**PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER:** MVN-2012-2806-EOO (Section 10/404)  
2013-0634 (Section 408)

**APPLICANT:** Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana

**SUMMARY:** The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA or Applicant) submitted a Permit Application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New Orleans District (CEMVN) for a Department of the Army (DA) permit under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 United States Code [USC] §403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) (33 USC §1344) (collectively referred to as "Section 10/404") and submitted a Section 408 Permission Request Letter (33 USC §408) to construct, maintain, and operate the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (MBSD) on the right descending bank of the Mississippi River, at approximately 60.7 miles above "Head of Passes" in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), CEMVN has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of the proposed MBSD Project and a range of reasonable alternatives, including No Action, on the natural and human environment. A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Final EIS for 30-day public review will be published in the Federal Register on September 23, 2022.

The Final EIS will be used to inform USACE's decisions regarding CPRA's permit application and permission request and may inform the decisions of other agencies that evaluate the proposed MBSD Project as part of their regulatory or permit processes. The information in the Final EIS will help decision makers, public officials, and citizens to understand the potential environmental impacts of the proposed MBSD Project and its alternatives before decisions regarding the proposed MBSD Project are made.

The Final EIS and supporting documents will be available on the CEMVN MBSD Project website for the 30-day public review, that will be from September 23, 2022 to October 24, 2022, at: <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Mid-Barataria-Sediment-Diversion-EIS/>, or upon request. Hard copies and/or electronic versions of the Final EIS may also be viewed at the locations identified at the end of this notice.

After the 30-day public review period, USACE will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed MBSD Project. The ROD will state USACE's decisions whether to authorize the proposed Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project under its respective authorities, and if so, the conditions under which the Project would be allowed to occur and the factors considered in USACE's decisions.

Comments may be submitted to USACE at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY DIVISION, RGE (MVN-2012-2806-EOO) until October 24, 2022; or through the following website: <http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory/Permits/Mid-Barataria-Sediment-Diversion-EIS/>; or by toll-free telephone at 1-855-449-3805. Comments will become part of the record and may be released to the public.

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Hard copies of the Final EIS (with electronic copies of the appendices on USB thumb drive) will be available and may be viewed at the following locations. Hard copies of the Executive Summary in Spanish and South Vietnamese languages will also be available for review.

Lafitte Library  
4917 City Park Drive  
Lafitte, LA 70067  
(504) 689-5097

Port Sulphur Library  
138 Civic Drive  
Port Sulphur, LA 70083  
(337) 527-7200

West Bank Regional Library  
2751 Manhattan Blvd.  
Harvey, LA 70058  
(504) 364-2660

Buras Library  
35572 Highway 11  
Buras, LA 70041  
(504) 564-0944

East New Orleans Regional Library  
5641 Read Boulevard  
New Orleans, LA 70127  
(504) 596-0200

Larose Branch Library  
305 East Fifth Street  
Larose, LA 70373  
(985) 693-3336

Belle Chasse Library  
8442 Highway 23  
Belle Chasse, LA 70037  
(504) 394-3570

St. Charles Parish Library  
Paradis Branch  
307 Audubon St,  
Paradis, LA 70080  
(985) 758-1868

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St. Tammany Parish Library  
310 W. 21st Ave.  
Covington, LA 70433  
(985) 893-6280

Jefferson Parish Library  
East Bank Regional Library  
4747 W. Napoleon Ave.  
Metairie, LA 70001  
(504) 838-1190

Terrebonne Parish Library  
151 Library Dr.  
Houma, LA 70360  
(985) 876-5861

Alex P. Allain Library  
206 Iberia St.  
Franklin, LA 70538  
(337) 828-5364

New Orleans Public Library  
219 Loyola Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70112  
(504) 596-2570

Vermilion Parish Library  
405 E. Victor St.  
Abbeville, LA 70510  
(337) 893-2674

East Baton Rouge Parish Library  
7711 Goodwood Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806  
(225) 231-3750

Iberia Parish Library  
445 E. Main St.  
New Iberia, LA 70560  
(337) 364-7024

Calcasieu Parish Public Library  
Central Branch  
301 W. Claude St.  
Lake Charles, LA 70605  
(337) 721-7116

LSU Ag Center, Southwest Region  
1105 West Port St.  
Abbeville, LA 70510  
(337) 898-4335

Martha Sowell Utley Memorial  
Library  
705 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Thibodaux, LA 70301  
(985) 447-4119

St. Bernard Parish Library  
2600 Palmisano Blvd.  
Chalmette, LA 70043  
(504) 279-0448

St. Martin Parish Library  
201 Porter St.  
St. Martinville, LA 70582  
(337) 394-2207