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District Commander signs decision record for the Chalmette Loop in St. Bernard Parish

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander, Col. Alvin B. Lee, signed the Decision Record on May 26, 2009 for proposed risk reduction projects along the Chalmette Loop in St. Bernard Parish following a 30-day public review period.

Individual Environmental Report (IER) 10, titled “Chalmette Loop Levee, St. Bernard Parish,” includes over 22 miles of T-wall constructed on top of the existing levees, encircling St. Bernard Parish.

“Part of our IER process included an analysis of levees, floodwalls and other alternatives to provide the 100-year level of risk reduction,” said Chris Gilmore, Corps senior project manager. “In this situation, floodwalls are most advantageous because they have the shortest construction schedule and minimal environmental impacts.”

The projects within IER 10 would reduce impacts from a storm surge event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. This would reduce risk of damage to communities in St. Bernard Parish, including Chalmette, Meraux and Violet.

The next steps toward building the projects in IER 10 are to finalize the project designs and to obtain rights of entry for construction. Construction will begin in late 2009.

Alternative arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the environmental process required of all federally-funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act. IER documents are available on www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental process may be addressed to:

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