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Corps releases environmental document for public review

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, has released an environmental document that evaluates the potential impacts of constructing a storm surge barrier between the Industrial Canal and Lake Borgne. The Corps is accepting written comments on the document, called Individual Environmental Report 11 Tier 2 Borgne, through Sept. 18, 2008.


IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne describes details of the proposed action and is available by request or can be downloaded at www.nolaenvironmental.gov. The proposed action is to construct approximately two miles of a new floodwall/gated system that extends from the Michoud floodwall north of the GIWW to the levee on the west side of the MRGO. The height of the structure would be approximately 24 ft to 26 ft and would include a flood control sector gate (approximately 150 ft by 16 ft), bypass barge gate (approximately 150 ft by 16 ft), and a sector gate on Bayou Bienvenue (approximately 56 ft x 8 ft).

The Corps encourages 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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