Corps solicits input on proposed GIWW West Closure Complex operating plan

NEW ORLEANS, LA – The US Corps Army Corps of Engineers, Team New Orleans, is holding a public meeting to discuss the proposed operating procedures of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway West Closure Complex. The approximate $1 billion project is a major component of the Westbank Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The GIWW West Closure Complex is on schedule to defend against the 100-yr storm surge and operate during the 2011 hurricane season while construction of the complex continues through 2012. Comments on the proposed plan will be used to modify, as appropriate, the standard operating instructions for the complex’s Interim Water Control Plan and for the separate Permanent Master Water Control Plan for 2012 and beyond.

Public meeting details are:

When: Wednesday, Mar. 16, 2011
   Informational Open House 6 to 6:30 p.m.
   Presentation and discussion 6:30 p.m.

Where: Visitation of Our Lady School
        3520 Ames Blvd.
        Marrero, LA 70072

A synopsis of the proposed Water Control Manual is available for review and download on www.nolaenvironmental.gov and is available by request.

Questions or comments concerning the hurricane system should be addressed to:
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