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Corps announces dates of spring Individual Environmental Report public meetings

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is providing local residents with even more opportunities to share their ideas and inputs on the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The Corps has scheduled the next set of public meetings to discuss preferred alternatives on environmental compliance efforts and construction updates.

“Over the next several months the public meetings will focus on presenting the preferred alternatives of the Corps’ improvement projects to the New Orleans community,” said Gib Owen, chief of the Corps’ Ecological Planning and Restoration Section.

Public meetings are held to inform interested stakeholders about the Corps’ potential actions and to give the public the opportunity to provide input on plans being formulated for the hurricane system as described in Individual Environmental Reports. IERs fully comply with the intent of the nation’s environmental laws and regulations while meeting expedited schedules to meet the Corps’ commitment of reducing risk in New Orleans each day. IERs thoroughly discuss the impacts Corps projects may have on the human and natural environment.

Each of the following meetings begins at 6 p.m. with a Corps-staffed open house. Presentations begin at 7 p.m. and are followed by a discussion period.

Meeting dates are as follows:

April 9, 2008

St. Rose Public Library, 90 East Club Dr., St. Rose, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the LaBranch Wetlands Levee, West Return Floodwall and Lakefront Levees on the east bank of St. Charles and Jefferson parishes as discussed in IERs 1, 2 and 3 and the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

April 17, 2008

Lynn Oaks School, 1 Lynn Oaks Dr., Braithwaite, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss Bayou Bienvenue and Bayou Dupre Control Structures, Caernarvon Floodwall and Chalmette Loop Levee in St. Bernard Parish as discussed in IERs 8, 9 and 10 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

April 29, 2008

Church at New Orleans, 11700 Chef Menteur Hwy., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the Citrus Lakefront Levee and New Orleans East Levee in Orleans Parish as discussed in IERs 6 and 7 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

May 7, 2008

St. Dominic's Elementary School, 6326 Memphis St., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss New Orleans Lakefront Levee west of the Industrial Canal and Outfall Canal Closure Structures in Orleans Parish as discussed in IERs 4 and 5 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

May 13, 2008

Dillard University, Stern Amphitheater, 2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss New Orleans Lakefront Levee west of the Industrial Canal and Outfall Canal Closure Structures in Orleans Parish as discussed in IERs 4 and 5 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

May 15, 2008

Cytec, Tom Call Pavilion, 10800 River Road, Waggaman, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss Lake Cataouatche Levee, Western Terminus Levee and Company Canal Floodwall in Jefferson Parish as discussed in IERs 15, 16 and 17 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

May 22, 2008

Our Lady of Holy Cross College, Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., New Orleans, LA
Meeting presentation will discuss the Harvey and Algiers Canal Levee and Floodwalls and the Hero Canal in Jefferson, Orleans and Plaquemines parishes as discussed in IERs 12 and 13 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

June 4, 2008

Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, 1617 Caffin Ave., New Orleans, LA
Meeting Presentation will discuss the Industrial Canal in Orleans, and St. Bernard parishes as discussed in IER 11 as well as the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26).

The purpose of each IER is to analyze the impacts of a range of alternatives, analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of each and identify a preferred alternative for the hurricane system.

The Corps' alternative arrangements have been coordinated with, and reflect the input of, numerous key federal agencies including the Council on Environmental Quality, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Additional input into this process was provided by the State of Louisiana resource agencies and citizens from impacted area.

Visit www.nolaenvironmental.gov for additional information on the NEPA process and Individual Environmental Reports in the greater New Orleans area.

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