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Corps to provide update on proposed plan to reduce risk on Westbank

Public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16

NEW ORLEANS, LA – Corps project managers will present the proposed plan to reduce risk to Harvey, Algiers, upper Plaquemines Parish and other areas of the Westbank during a public meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at Mi-Swaco, 4300 Peters Rd., in Harvey.

“The Corps will soon be releasing an environmental document detailing the impacts the West Closure Complex may have on the human and natural environment,” said Tim Connell, project manager. “This meeting is another opportunity for citizens to learn about the proposed action and to offer input on development of the hurricane system.”

The public meeting begins with an open house at 7:30 a.m. A brief presentation begins at 8:00 a.m. and will be followed by a discussion period.

Impacts of the West Closure Complex project will be detailed in Individual Environmental Report 12 which is expected to be released for 30-day public review at the end of the month. The proposed project would place a storm surge barrier including navigable floodgates and a 20,000 cubic feet per second drainage pumping station in the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway just west of the intersection of the Harvey and Algiers canals. The proposed plan reduces risk to the public by placing about 26 miles of levees and floodwalls currently used as primary defense against storm surge behind a much more compact and robust system of structures that make up the West Closure Complex.

Public meetings are part of the Corps’ commitment to meet National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements for environmental compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the hurricane system. Alternative arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the

environmental process required of all federally funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the NEPA.

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

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