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## **Corps releases document on preferred alternative for Westwego to Harvey Levee**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, released Individual Environmental Report 14, entitled "Westwego to Harvey Levee, Jefferson Parish" on July 3 for a 30-day public review period. Public comments on IER 14 must be submitted to the Corps by 5 p.m., August 4, 2008.

"The project features of IER 14, Westwego to Harvey Levee, will reduce risk for a large portion of the west bank with stronger and more resilient levees and floodwalls, and will provide residents with the best protection to date," says Mike Stack, Project Manager.

The preferred alternative for IER 14 is an enlarged earthen levee within the existing alignment east of the New Westwego Pump Station running south to Hwy 45. The preferred alternative also replaces the existing floodwall from Hwy 45 to Lafitte-Larose Hwy with a robust T-wall.

In addition, the preferred alternative proposes an enlargement of the existing levee from the Lafitte-Larose Hwy to the east leg of the "v-line" levee (the levee reach that forms the v-shaped wedge bordered by the Jean Lafitte National Park). This enlarged levee will require approximately 200 additional feet of right-of-way on the protected side of the existing alignment.

These project features will reduce risk for areas of the west bank from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. The "Westwego to Harvey Levee, Jefferson Parish," is one of 17 project areas that make up the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction 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 National Environmental Policy Act.

The Corps mailed notices that IER 14 was available to parties who previously indicated an interest in reviewing the document. It can also be downloaded at [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) and written comments may also be submitted electronically. Comments received during the public review will become part of the official record for IER 14.

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

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