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Corps names preferred alternatives for 100-year protection of Jefferson Parish-Westbank

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 25, 2008 at John Ehret High School, 4300 Patriot St., in Marrero. The Corps will discuss the preferred alternatives that will provide the Jefferson Parish Westbank area protection from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The presentation will discuss IERs 14, 15 and 17. IER 14 covers the Westwego to Harvey Levee and the Westminster, Ames and Mt. Kennedy pump stations. IER 15 covers the Lake Cataouatche Levee and Lake Cataouatche pump station. Both projects are in Jefferson Parish and will reduce risk in areas including Bridge City, Harvey, Lake Cataouatche, Marrero, Waggaman, Westwego and surrounding neighborhoods.

Alternatives under consideration for IER 17, the Company Canal Floodwall, and sites on the Westbank from which borrow material may be obtained (IERs 22, 23, 25 and 26) will also be discussed.

“The preferred alternative for IER 14 is an earthen levee, at approximately 14 feet, with floodwall protection in front of three pump stations and a new floodwall at the V-shaped alignment at the tip of Jean Lafitte National Park,” said Julie Vignes, senior project manager of the Westbank and Vicinity Projects of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. “The preferred alternative for IER 15 is an earthen levee, at approximately 15 feet, with fronting protection at one pump station.”

The meeting begins with a Corps-staffed open house at 6 p.m., a presentation of preferred alternatives begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm system in the vicinity of the Westbank and Lake Pontchartrain areas. These meetings are part the National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements, and are held to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the Corps' decision-making process.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs, which are available for public review, by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the environmental analysis period.

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