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Corps public meeting to detail Western Tie In project

Proposed action described in draft environmental document

NEW ORLEANS - The Corps is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposed construction of a levee that would connect the West Bank and Vicinity levees to the Mississippi River levee in St. Charles Parish. The meeting will be Thursday, May 28 at Cytec's Tom Call Pavilion, 10800 River Rd., in Waggaman.

A detailed description of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District's proposal is written in Individual Environmental Report 16, entitled "Western Terminus Levee, Jefferson Parish." The environmental document was released for 30-day public comment period on May 1, 2009.

"This public meeting is an additional opportunity for the public to learn about and comment on the Corps' proposed project," said Julie Vignes, senior project manager. "The project team has made efforts to minimize the impacts of the proposed alignment to the community and the environment in the project area."

As proposed, the Western Tie-In project would consist of a series of levees and floodwalls along the Davis Pond Freshwater Diversion eastern guide levee and the Outer Cataouatche Canal, with a navigable closure structure across Bayou Verret for maritime access. These features would link to a levee, an elevated crossing at Hwy 90, two railroad gates, and end with a tie in structure at the Mississippi River Levee. The project would reduce risk from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The May 28 public meeting begins with an open house at 6 p.m. and a presentation and discussion at 7 p.m.

A video describing the proposed action, called "Alternative 3," as well as the other alternatives considered is available here:

http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps2/videos/tiein/tiein_video.asp

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 16 was available to parties who previously indicated their interest in reviewing the document. It can also be downloaded at www.nolaenvironmental.gov where written comments may also be submitted. Comments received during the public review will become part of the official record for IER 16.

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

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