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## **Corps to discuss plans for portions of St. Charles and Jefferson Westbank**

*Public meeting scheduled for Nov. 19*

**NEW ORLEANS** – The recommended plan to reduce risk to communities on the eastern edge of St. Charles Parish and the western edge of Jefferson Parish will be shared with community members at a public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at Cytec’s Tom Call Pavilion, 10800 River Rd., in Waggaman.

“The Western Tie In project reduces risk by connecting Westbank hurricane system levees to the Mississippi River levees in St. Charles Parish,” said Mike Stack, project manager. “The recommended solution allows us to build a stronger and more reliable system.”

The meeting begins with a one hour open house at 6 p.m. A formal presentation begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

The Western Tie In would be constructed to connect the Lake Cataouatche Levee to the Mississippi River Levee, closing off the western end of the Westbank and Vicinity portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System. The project would reduce the risk of storm surge from a tropical event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

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.

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