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New Orleans district commander signs document confirming action on Company Canal floodwall

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans District Commander, Col. Alvin Lee, has signed an environmental document that allows the Corps to finalize designs to reduce risk for communities and businesses along Bayou Segnette near the Company Canal.

“Now that the location of the gate has been determined, our project team is working on the design for the gated navigable closure structure and levees,” said Gary Brouse, project manager. “The navigation gate would only be closed during a tropical event.”

The government action to reduce risk to parts of Westwego and surrounding areas of the Westbank was outlined in Individual Environmental Report 17 entitled “Company Canal Floodwall, Jefferson Parish. The government will replace the existing 9.5-foot floodwalls with a 14-foot floodwall, construct approximately 1,000 to 1,200 feet of earthen levees, and place a new pump station in Jefferson Parish. The Company Canal project area extends from the Bayou Segnette State Park boundary to the New Westwego Pumping Station.

IER 17 was released for public review on Nov. 3, 2008 and was followed by a 30-day public comment period which closed on Dec. 3, 2008. The Corps’ action was discussed at several public meetings throughout the metro area.

The Corps encourages written comments on IERs available for public review by mail, e-mail or by visiting www.nolaenvironmental.gov at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps’ environmental process may be addressed to:

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