Corps releases environmental document discussing proposed action to Company Canal floodwall

NEW ORLEANS – Evaluation of the potential human and environmental impacts associated with the proposed construction and maintenance of the Company Canal floodwall are discussed in a Corps environmental document that is currently available for public review. The impacts of the project are discussed in Individual Environmental Report 17. The Company Canal Floodwall project reduces risk to residents and businesses in Westwego and surrounding areas of the Jefferson Parish Westbank.

“Issuance of this document brings the Corps one step closer to reducing risk on the Westbank,” said Gary Brouse, project manager. “We anticipate a request for proposal on this project to be released in September 2009.”

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, released IER 17 entitled, “Company Canal Floodwall, Jefferson Parish,” for 30-day public review on Nov. 3. The comment period closes at 5 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2008. The recommended proposed action is to replace the existing floodwalls with a navigation floodgate, 1,000 to 1,200 feet of tie-in earthen levees, and a new pumping station in Jefferson Parish. The Company Canal project area extends from Bayou Segnette State Park boundary to New Westwego Pumping Station.

Notices of IER 17’s availability were mailed 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 through Dec. 3.
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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