Corps releases document for remediation work at outfall canals

17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue Canals

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today released an environmental report that outlines the proposed action for remediation of floodwalls along the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue outfall canals. This work is necessary to ensure that the canal walls can support the requirements of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans in removing rain water from the city. All remediation work would be conducted within the existing right of way.

“Draft Individual Environmental Report (IER) 27, Outfall Canal Remediation on the 17th Street, Orleans Avenue and London Avenue Canals,” is available for a 30-day public review and comment period. As described in the document, remediation methods include deep soil mixing, driving sheetpile and increasing the earthen embankment. The IER is available online at: http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov/nola_public_data/projects/usace_levee/docs/original/DraftIER27.pdf

Engineering analyses to determine which reaches along each canal require remediation are not finalized; therefore, work along the entire length of the canals is assumed for the purpose of human and environmental impacts analysis.

The Corps will hold a public meeting for IER 27 on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1200 Robert E. Lee Boulevard, New Orleans, LA 70122.
Open house begins at 6:00 p.m. / Presentation and discussion begins at 6:30 p.m.

Written or verbal comments on IER 27 must be submitted to the Corps by midnight on Friday, October 1, 2010. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the official record.

Questions or comments concerning the Corps’ environmental process may be addressed to:

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Comments may also be provided by visiting: www.nolaenvironmental.gov. For more information or to sign up to be on a meeting notification list please visit the following Web site: www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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