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## **Corps to provide update on risk reduction system to Vietnamese-American community**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Monday, Mar. 10, 2008 at Mary Queen of Vietnam Church, 14001 Dwyer Blvd., in New Orleans East to discuss the status of completed, in-progress and future improvements to the 100-year Hurricane Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

“We’re building a risk reduction system that meets the Corps’ mission and the public’s needs,” said Gib Owen, chief of the Corps’ Ecological Planning and Restoration Section. “We are making extra efforts to ensure every community in the New Orleans area has the opportunity to provide input into the development of the system.”

The meeting will cover projects discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 6, 7 and 11. IER 6 discusses improvements to the Citrus Lakefront Levee and IER 7 covers projects along the New Orleans East Levee from the Maxent Canal to the Michoud slip, both reports cover the status of projects reducing risk in Orleans Parish. IER 11 discusses the proposed improvements to the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, also known as the Industrial Canal.

This meeting will not include an open house. A formal presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall and is followed by a question and answer period. There will be a Vietnamese-language translator available for the presentation and question and answer period.

In addition to IERs 6, 7 and 11, the Corps will also discuss potential areas from which borrow material may be obtained. Borrow is a specific type of clay the Corps needs to upgrade the current levee system. The Corps is investigating potential borrow source sites all across the region.

Public meetings are part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the proposed 100-year storm system for both the Westbank and Vicinity and Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity areas. These meetings are a part of a National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangement, and are held to provide the public the opportunity to participate in the Corps' decision making process.

The Corps encourages the public to provide written comments on IERs available for public review by mail, e-mail or by visiting [www.nolaenvironmental.gov](http://www.nolaenvironmental.gov) at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning proposed hurricane storm damage reduction actions should be addressed to:

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