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Corps releases proposed alternatives for New Orleans East Lakefront projects

NEW ORLEANS – Today the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released Individual Environmental Report (IER) 6, titled “Citrus Lakefront Levee, Orleans Parish”, about proposed risk-reduction projects for a 30-day public review.

The document evaluates the potential human and environmental impacts that construction of the proposed levees, floodwalls and floodgates may have on the areas from the New Orleans Lakefront Airport to Paris Road.

The proposed action would increase the height of structures to elevation 13.5- to 15.5-feet to meet the 100-year level of risk reduction. The projects within IER 6 would reduce impacts from a storm surge event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year. This would reduce risk of damage to property and infrastructure to communities in New Orleans East.

Written or verbal comments on IER 6 must be submitted to the Corps by midnight on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the official record.

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

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