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## **Corps to provide update on risk reduction system to New Orleans East**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 29, 2008 at the Church at New Orleans, 11700 Chef Menteur Hwy., in New Orleans East to discuss the status of the Orleans Parish portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

“We are currently scoping for IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne and we’re looking forward to collecting feedback from the public on the potential impacts of several barrier and gate alignments which will reduce the risk of storm surge from entering the Industrial Canal from Lake Borgne,” said Laura Lee Wilkinson, environmental manager of the Corps’ Hurricane Protection Office.

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.

An open house will begin at 6:00 p.m. A presentation begins at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion 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 the National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements, 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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