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## **Corps public meeting provides Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward residents opportunity to provide input**

**NEW ORLEANS** - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 at Martin Luther King, Jr. Charter School, 1617 Caffin Ave., to discuss development of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System.

The meeting presentation will discuss the preferred alignment of the structure that will reduce risk of storm surge from entering communities near the Industrial Canal as discussed in Individual Environmental Report 11 Tier 2 Borgne.

“Improving the protection on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to provide a surge protection barrier is the key element to reducing risk to communities in New Orleans East, the 9<sup>th</sup> Ward and St. Bernard Parish,” said Laura Lee Wilkinson, environmental manager of the Corps’ Hurricane Protection Office. “We will be discussing the impacts the preferred alignment will have on the human and natural environments.”

An open house begins at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. The meeting presentation will also include a brief overview of the 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. A discussion period will follow the presentation.

Public meetings are part of the Corps’ commitment to meet National Environmental Policy Act alternative arrangements for environmental compliance efforts and to provide construction updates on the hurricane system that will reduce risk associated with a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The Corps encourages 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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