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Corps finalizes plans for work in New Orleans East

District commander signs decision records

NEW ORLEANS – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander Col. Alvin Lee signed the decision records for proposed actions in New Orleans East, following a 30-day public comment period for each document.

The levee, floodwall, ramp and floodgate projects discussed within Individual Environmental Reports (IER) 6 & 7 will reduce impacts to communities in New Orleans East from a storm surge event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The actions for IER 6, titled “Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity New Orleans East Citrus Lakefront Levee, Orleans Parish,” will increase the height of structures to elevation 13.5 to 15.5 feet to meet the 100-year level of risk reduction. The actions for IER 7, titled “Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, New Orleans East Lakefront to Michoud Canal, Orleans Parish,” will increase the height of structures to elevation 17 to 34 feet to meet the 100-year level of risk reduction.

The next steps consist of finalizing project designs and obtaining rights of entry for construction. Construction on all remaining projects in New Orleans East will begin in early 2010.

Alternative arrangements allow the Corps to expedite the environmental process required of all federally-funded projects while fully complying with the intent of the National Environmental Policy Act. IER documents are available on www.nolaenvironmental.gov.

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

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