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Corps to detail alternatives to improve New Orleans East levees and structures

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, Jul. 29, 2008 at Church at New Orleans, 11700 Chef Menteur Hwy, in New Orleans East to discuss alternatives that will upgrade the areas portion of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System to withstand surge from a storm event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

"The project team is coordinating with our local sponsor, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and getting closer to recommending the preferred alternatives for each reach that will reduce risk to New Orleans East communities," said Kevin Wagner, senior project manager for Orleans Parish levees, floodwalls and armoring.

The meeting presentation will show the alternative plans being considered to upgrade the New Orleans Lakefront Airport and Citrus Lakefront Levee (IER 6). Describe the alternatives under consideration to upgrade the New Orleans East Levees that extend from the Paris Road to the Michoud Canal (IER 7) and discuss the proposed action that will reduce risk from the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Borgne storm surge to communities in St. Bernard and Orleans parishes including New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward (IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne). The project team will also review the potential areas from which borrow materials may be obtained (IERs 25, and 26). Borrow is a specific type of clay the Corps uses to build earthen levees."

The meeting will begin with an open house at 6 p.m. during which Corps project managers and subject matter experts are on hand to answer questions citizens may have about proposed actions and alternatives under consideration. A presentation about the hurricane system begins at 7 p.m. and is followed by a discussion period.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow the public the opportunity to provide input on development of the hurricane system. Public meetings are an essential part of the Corps' commitment to environmental compliance efforts and construction updates on the hurricane system.

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 at any time throughout the environmental analysis period. Questions or comments concerning the proposed hurricane system should be addressed to:

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