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Corps Releases Environmental Report for Proposed Flood Control Structure at Bayou Dupre

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released an environmental report on May 8, 2009 that outlines the proposed action for Bayou Dupre, a new flood control structure with an elevation twice as high as the existing gate, which would reduce the risk of storm surge damage to St. Bernard Parish.

The project area is located on the south bank of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet in the northwest portion of St. Bernard Parish. The proposed flood control structure consists of a new sector gate to an elevation of 31.5 feet and floodwall tie-ins to the proposed T-walls that would be constructed adjacent to the existing structure.

Individual Environmental Report (IER) 8 also addresses the potential human and environmental impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the flood control structure on Bayou Dupre. The project would reduce the impacts from a storm surge event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

IER 8, titled “Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Bayou Dupre Control Structure, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana,” is available for a 30-day public review and comment period.

Written or verbal comments on IER 8 must be submitted to the Corps by midnight on Saturday, June 6, 2009. Comments received during the public review period will become part of the official record.

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

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