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District Commander signs decision record for the Flood Control Structure at Bayou Dupre

NEW ORLEANS – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District Commander, Col. Alvin B. Lee, signed the Decision Record on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 for the proposed action for Bayou Dupre, following a 30-day public review period.

The proposed flood control structure consists of a new sector gate which is now at an elevation of 31.5 feet and floodwall tie-ins to the proposed T-walls that would be constructed adjacent to the existing structure.

“The new structure at Bayou Dupre will be nearly twice as high as the existing structure,” said Chris Gilmore, Corps senior project manager. “This will be a significant increase in risk-reduction for the citizens of St. Bernard Parish.”

Individual Environmental Report (IER) 8 titled “Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Bayou Dupre Control Structure, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana,” addressed the potential human and environmental impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the flood control structure on Bayou Dupre. The structure is located on the south bank of the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet in the northwest portion of St. Bernard Parish. The project would reduce the impacts from a storm surge event that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year.

The next steps toward building the projects in IER 8 are to finalize the project designs and to obtain rights of entry for construction. Construction 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 Individual Environmental Reports or the Corps' environmental process may be addressed to:

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