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Corps provides opportunity for input on development of hurricane system

NEW ORLEANS - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, is hosting a public meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in Dillard University's Stern Amphitheater, 2601 Gentilly Blvd. Topics will include: the status of the Orleans Parish levee, west of the Industrial Canal and the possible alignments of the structures that will reduce risk from Lake Borgne storm surge to the neighborhoods near the Industrial Canal. The projects are discussed in Individual Environmental Reports 4 and 11 Tier 2 Borgne and are integral parts of the Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage and Risk Reduction System.

"Plans for IER 4 will reduce risk to several neighborhoods including Gentilly, Bayou St. John, and Lakeview," said Laura Lee Wilkinson, environmental manager of the Corps' Hurricane Protection Office. "Feedback on the five design alignments discussed in IER 11 Tier 2 Borgne will help reduce risk from Lake Borgne storm surge and is part of assessing the project impacts."

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. The Corps is investigating potential borrow source sites all across the region. 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 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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